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"My father hunted vampires before me. My children will hunt vampires after I am gone."

"It's a tradition you see."

"The family trade."

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"The family curse."

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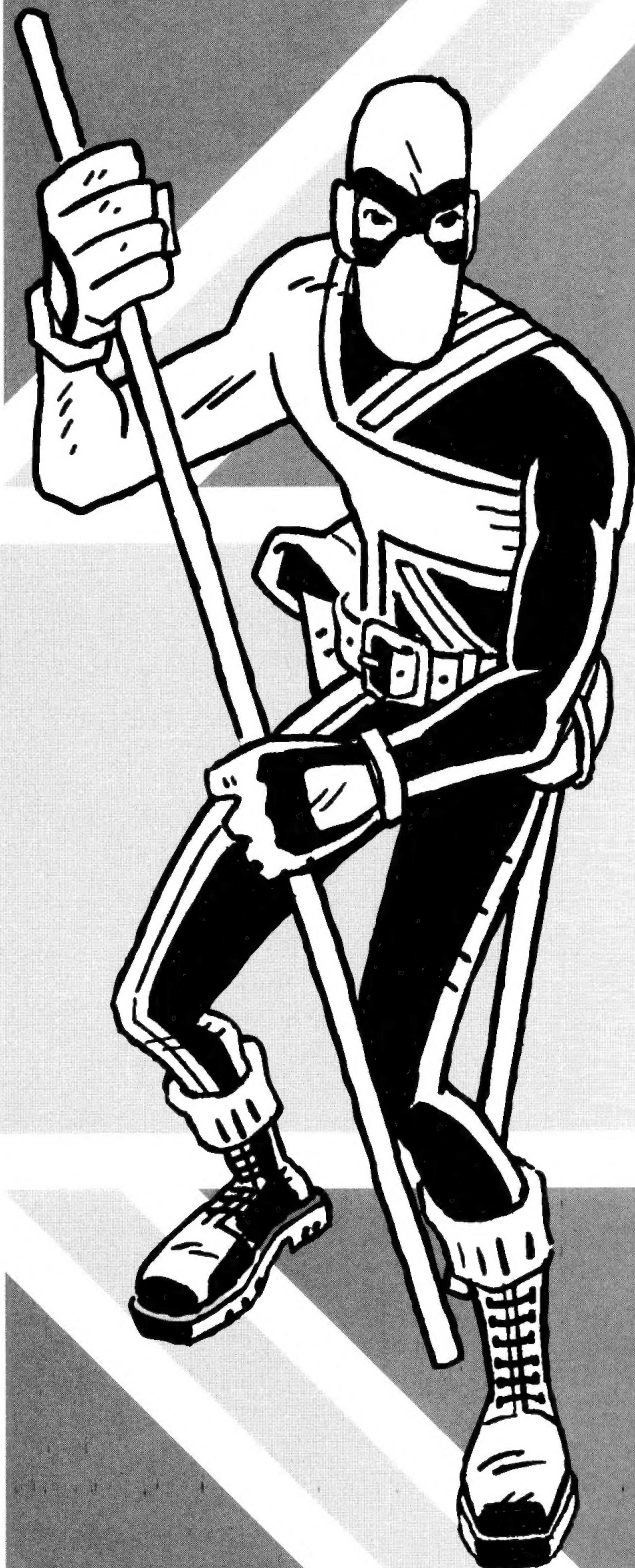
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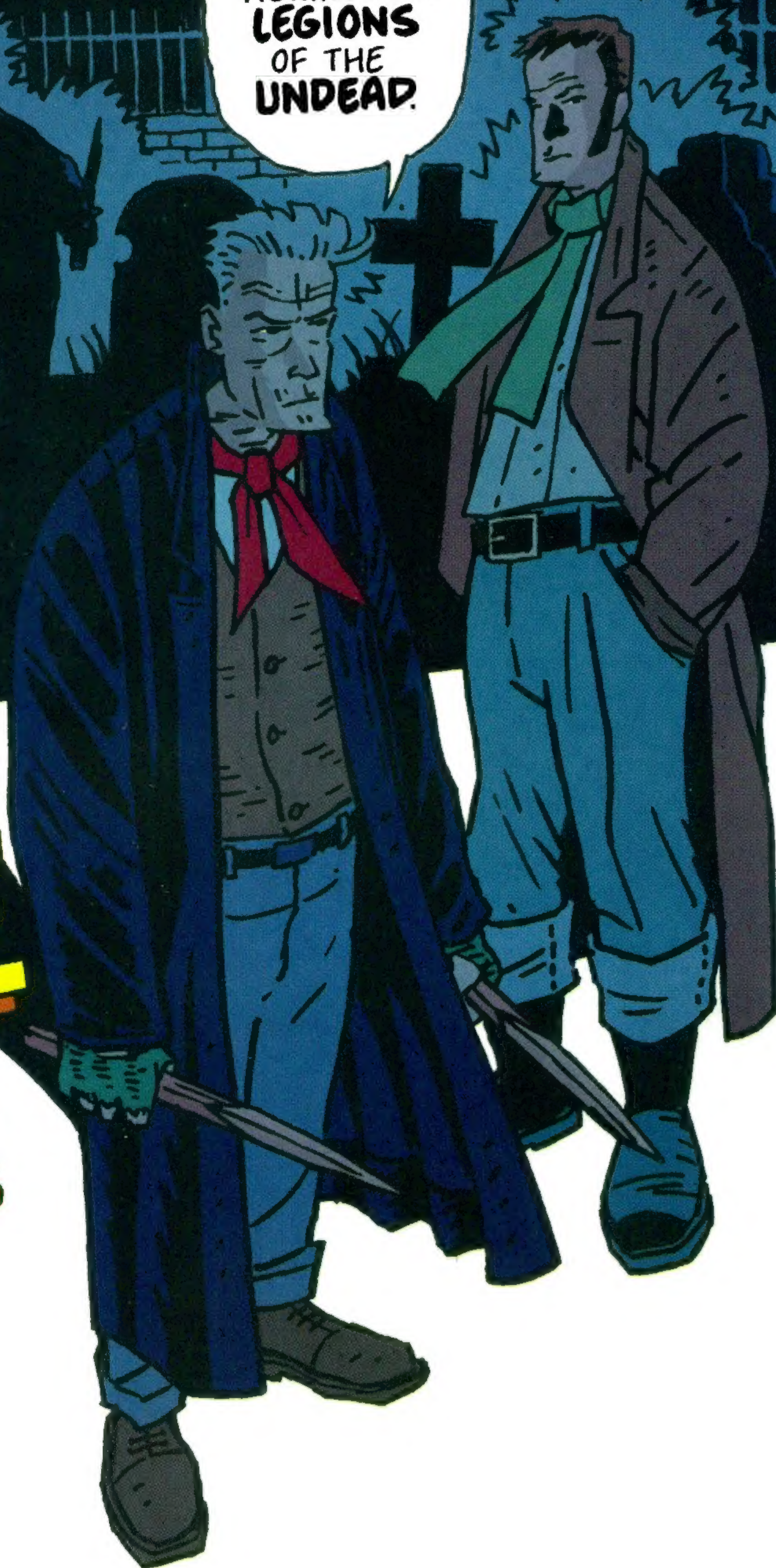
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SO HOW
MUCH
LONGER
ARE WE
GOING
TO BE
HERE?

AS LONG
AS IT TAKES.
WE'RE ENGAGED
IN A **STRUGGLE**
AGAINST THE
FORCES OF
DARKNESS.

IT'S JUST
I'VE GOT TO
BE UP AT
EIGHT TO
DO THE
ROUND.

WE ARE
THE **FIRST**
LINE OF
DEFENCE
AGAINST THE
LEGIONS
OF THE
UNDEAD.



GEYAAH!

IT'S ALWAYS THE SAME WITH YOU ISN'T IT? YOU GOT NO SENSE OF **DUTY** OR **RESPONSIBILITY** THAT'S YOUR PROBLEM.

IT'S A **VOCATION** - A **CALLING**.

YOU MUST BE EVER VIGILANT.

YOU MUST BE EVER ON GUARD.

YOU MUST BE **BONKERS** ...

EVERY NIGHT IT'S THE **SAME** ... WE STAND OUT IN THE MIDDLE OF A GRAVEYARD. EVERY NIGHT. DUSK 'TILL DAWN.

THIS ISN'T SOME JOB YOU CAN JUST **CLOCK IN** AND **OUT** Y'KNOW?

YOU THINK THE **MASSED VAMPIRE HORDES** WORRY ABOUT WHAT TIME YOU'VE GOT T'GET UP IN THE MORNING?

AND **NOTHING** HAPPENS!

WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME WE ACTUALLY **SAW A VAMPIRE?** hmm?

WHEN?

SOME THING'S GOING TO HAPPEN. I CAN **FEEL IT**.

I GOT THE **OOGLY MOOGLY**.

NOT THE **OOGLY MOOGLY** AGAIN ...

THERE'S
SOMETHING
IN THE AIR
TONIGHT. CAN
YOU FEEL IT?

THAT'S
NOT
OOGLY
MOOGLY
...

COMING
IN THE
AIR
TONIGHT
...

IT'S
BLEEDIN'
PHIL
COLLINS!

WHERE
ARE YOU
GOING?

I CAN
FEEL
IT.

I CAN
FEEL IT
IN MY
FINGERS
...

FEEL
IT IN
MY TOES
...

SUN'S
UP.

CASTLE
TOWN'S
SAFE FOR
ANOTHER
DAY.

HOME.

I'VE
STILL GOT
TIME FOR
A COUPLE
OF HOURS
KIP.

WET
WET
WET.

THE EARLY MORNING SUN UNFURLS A RED FLAG OVER THE WAKING CASTLETOWN
AND, IF YOU LISTEN CAREFULLY, SOMEWHERE IN THE SHADOWS, SOMETHING LAUGHS.

1942

IT'S BEEN TWO YEARS SINCE THE CASTLETOWN BLITZ! THE WAR GOES ON! WHEN THE NIGHT IS DISTURBED BY STRANGE LIGHTS AND NOISES COMING FROM THE BOMBED OUT BUILDINGS, THE **FREEDOM FIGHTERS** ARE BROUGHT IN TO INVESTIGATE! BUT EVEN THEY ARE UNPREPARED FOR WHAT THEY FIND!

A GERMAN SOLDIER? BUT, HOW?

HOW DID HE DIE?

GOOD QUESTION. AS FAR AS I CAN TELL HE WAS YOUNG, FIT, HEALTHY ...



SGT STATES

JACK STAFF



TOMMY TWISTER



BLAZING GLORY

THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS

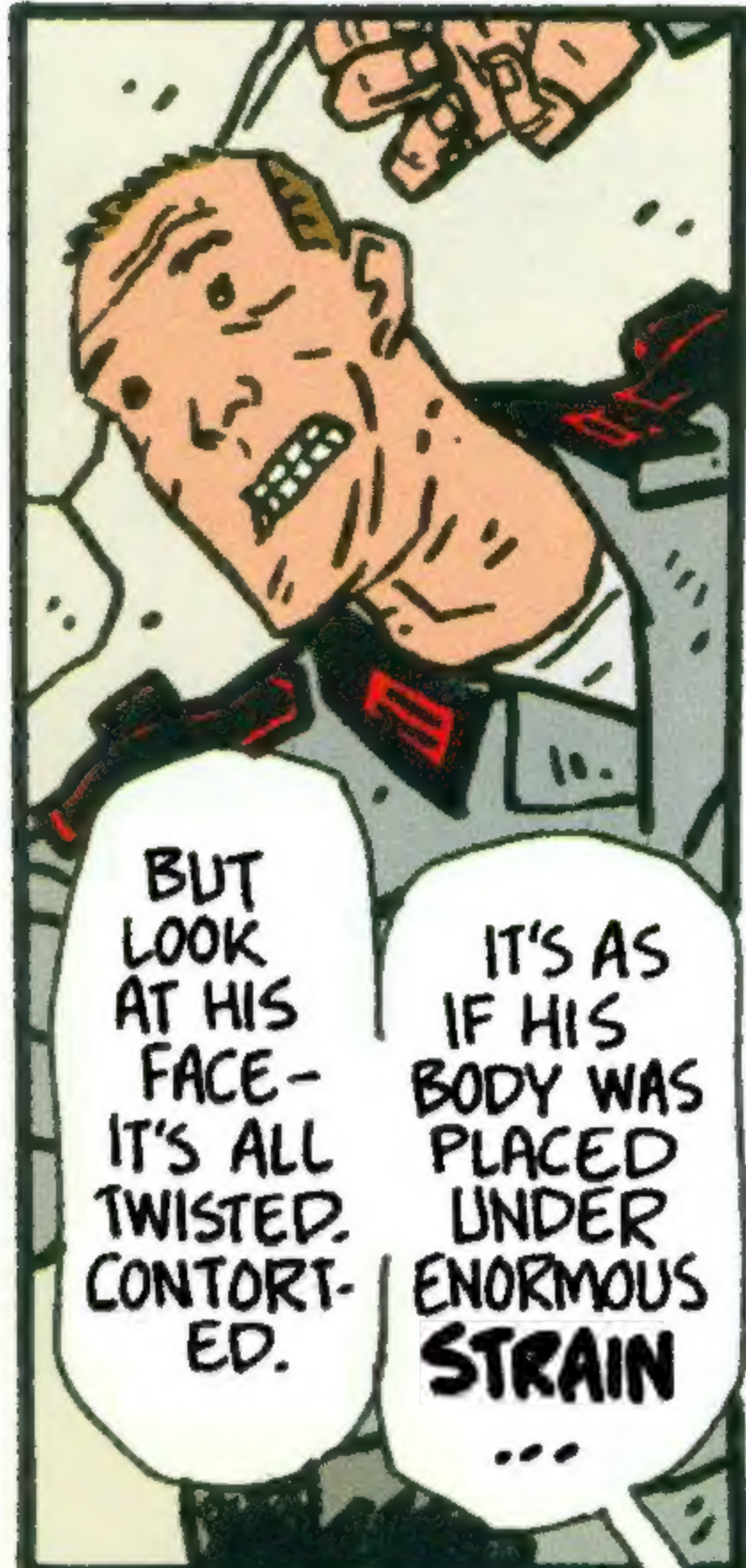
AND IT JUST GAVE UP.

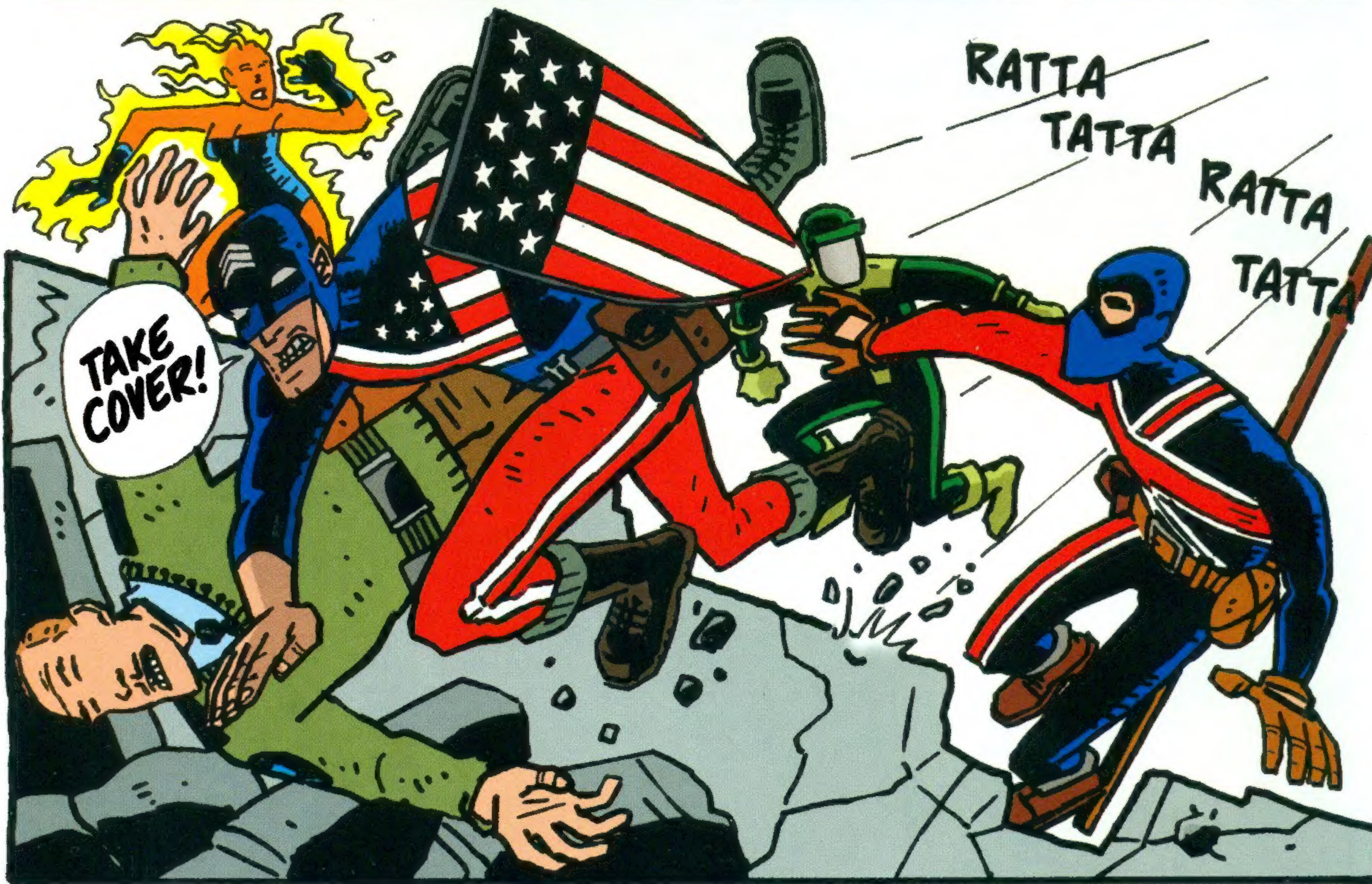
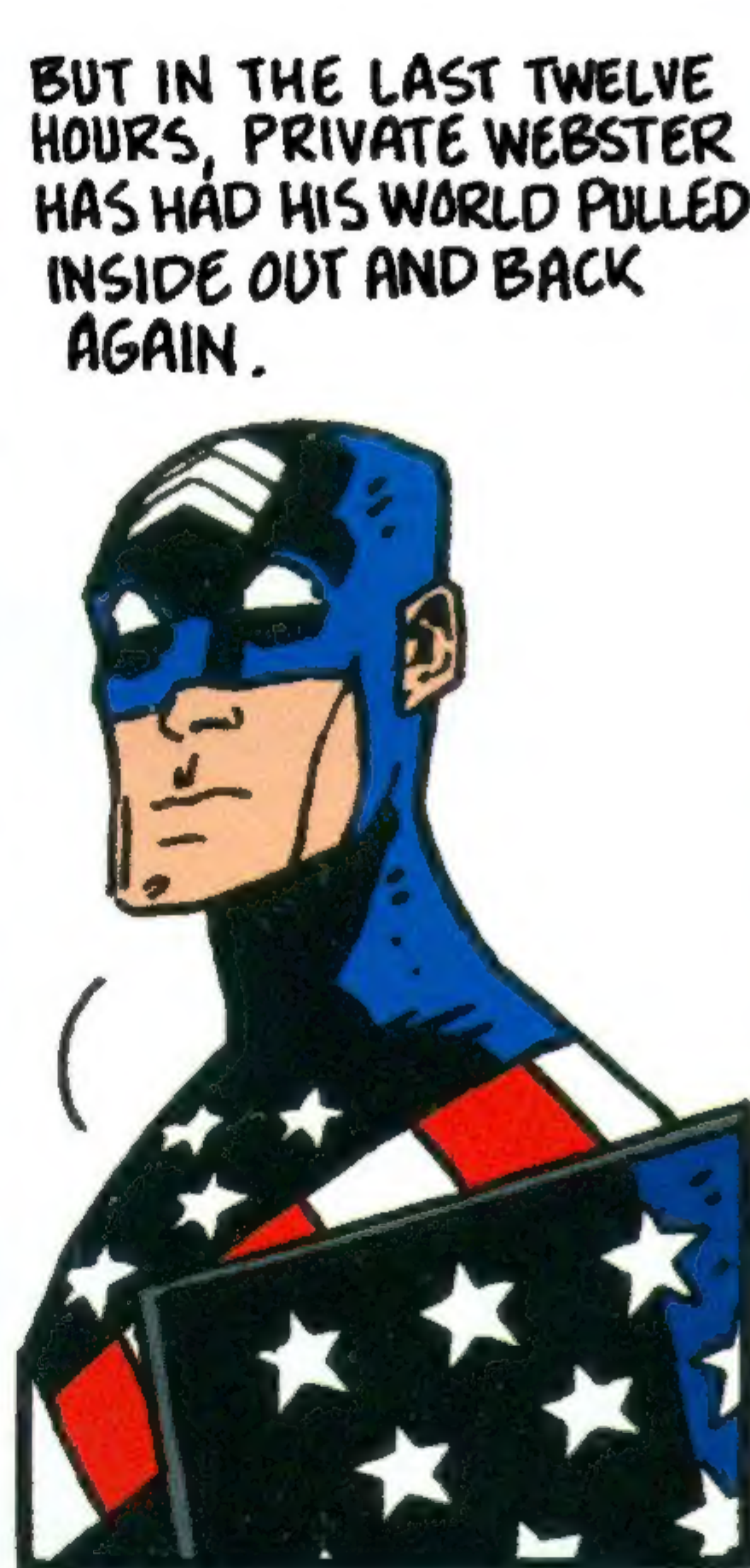
ACTUALLY, I WAS WONDERING HOW A FULLY UNIFORMED GERMAN SOLDIER ENDS UP IN THE MIDDLE OF A BOMB-SITE IN CASTLETOWN.

MAYBE HE JUMPED OUT OF A PLANE?

BUT LOOK AT HIS FACE - IT'S ALL TWISTED, CONTORTED.

IT'S AS IF HIS BODY WAS PLACED UNDER ENORMOUS STRAIN ...







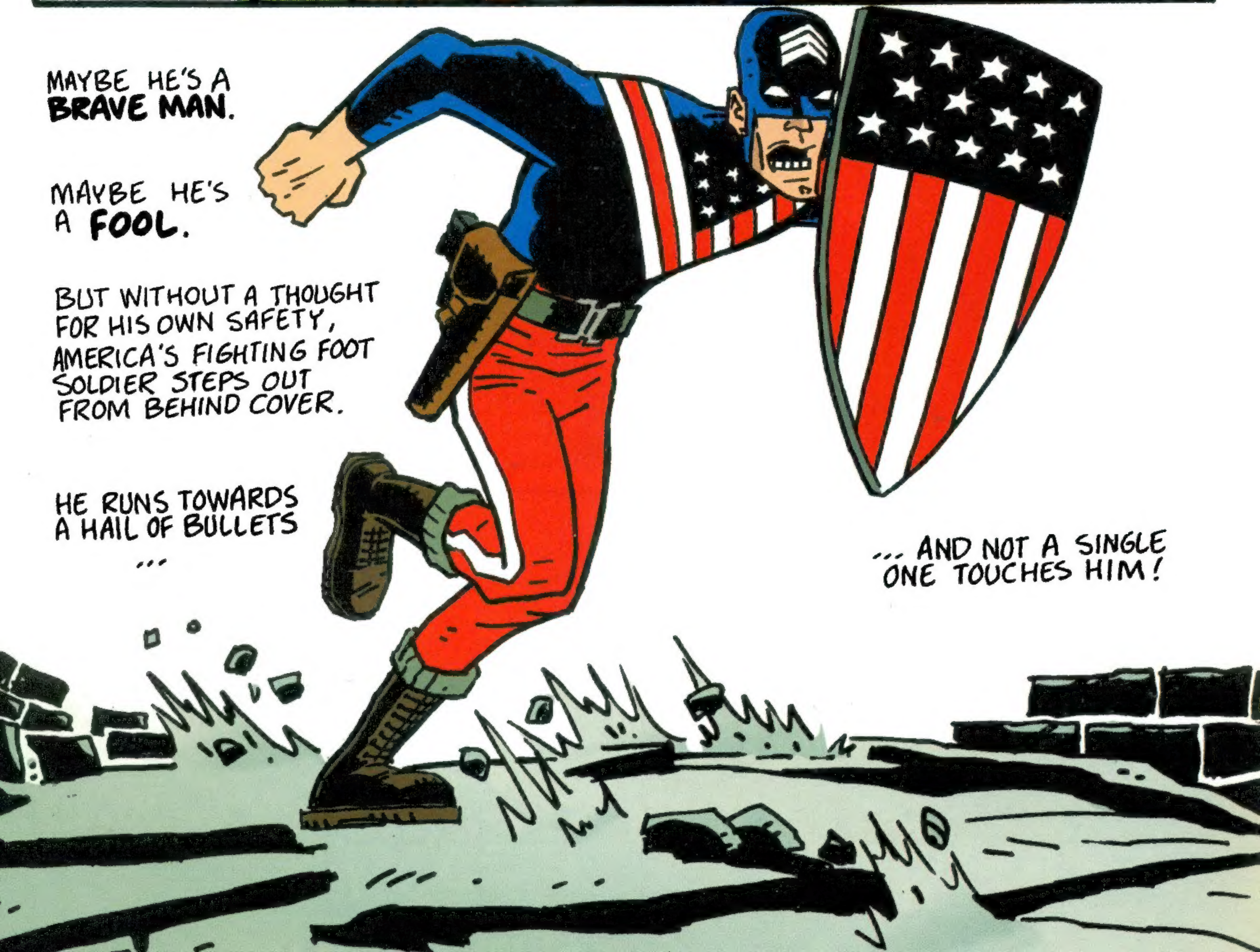
MAYBE HE'S A
BRAVE MAN.

MAYBE HE'S
A **FOOL.**

BUT WITHOUT A THOUGHT
FOR HIS OWN SAFETY,
AMERICA'S FIGHTING FOOT
SOLDIER STEPS OUT
FROM BEHIND COVER.

HE RUNS TOWARDS
A HAIL OF BULLETS
...

... AND NOT A SINGLE
ONE TOUCHES HIM!

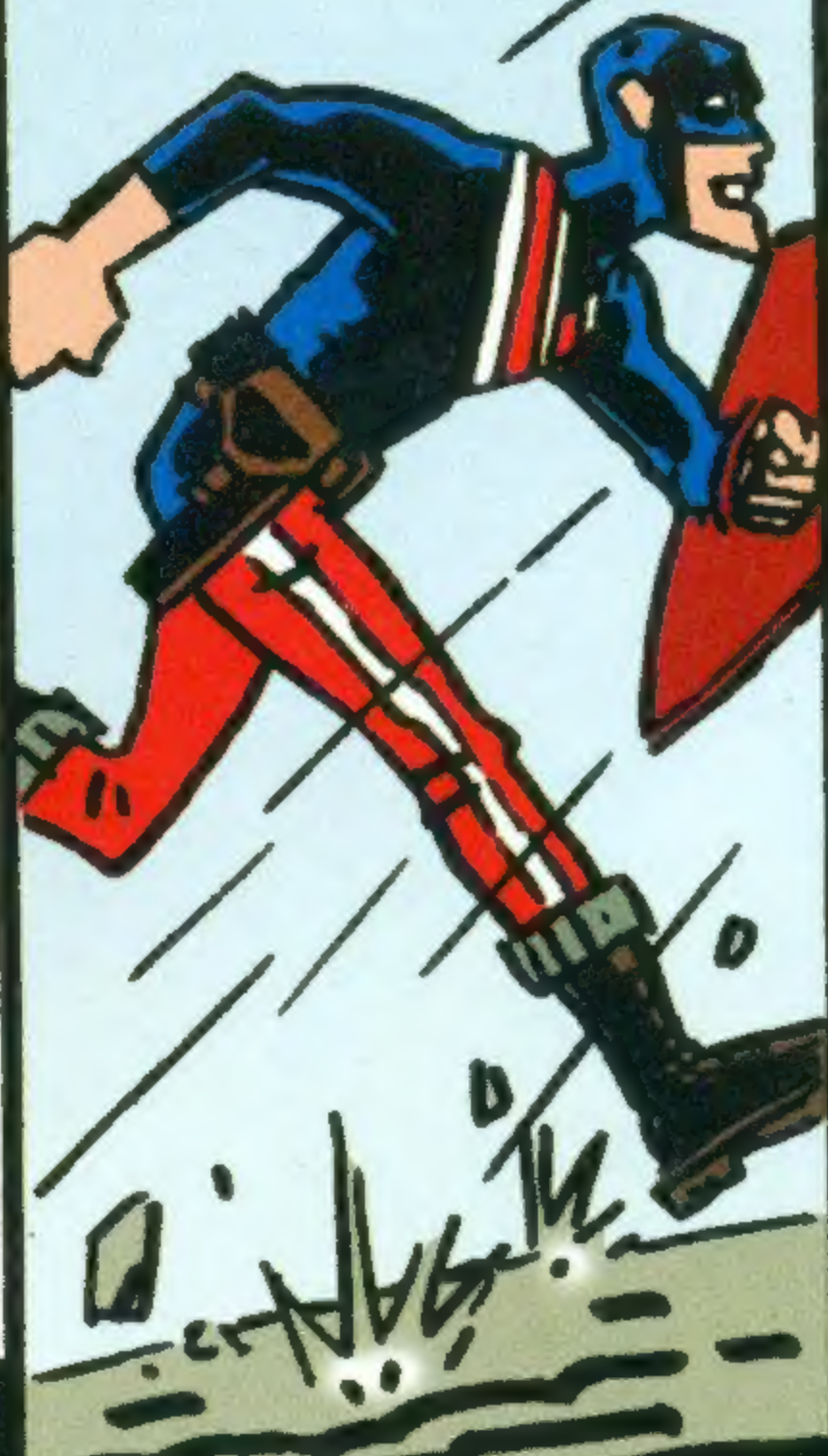


RATTA
TATTA
RATTA



IT MUST BE SOME
KIND OF NAZI
MIND TRICK!

HE'S ONLY ONE MAN-
HOW CAN HE DODGE
SO MANY BULLETS?



NO, WAIT!

IT **IS** A TRICK!

THERE WERE **FIVE**
OF THEM! WHERE
HAVE THE **OTHERS**
GONE?



HEY
SOLDIER!
STAND AT
EASE!

WE'RE
ALL ON
THE SAME
SIDE!

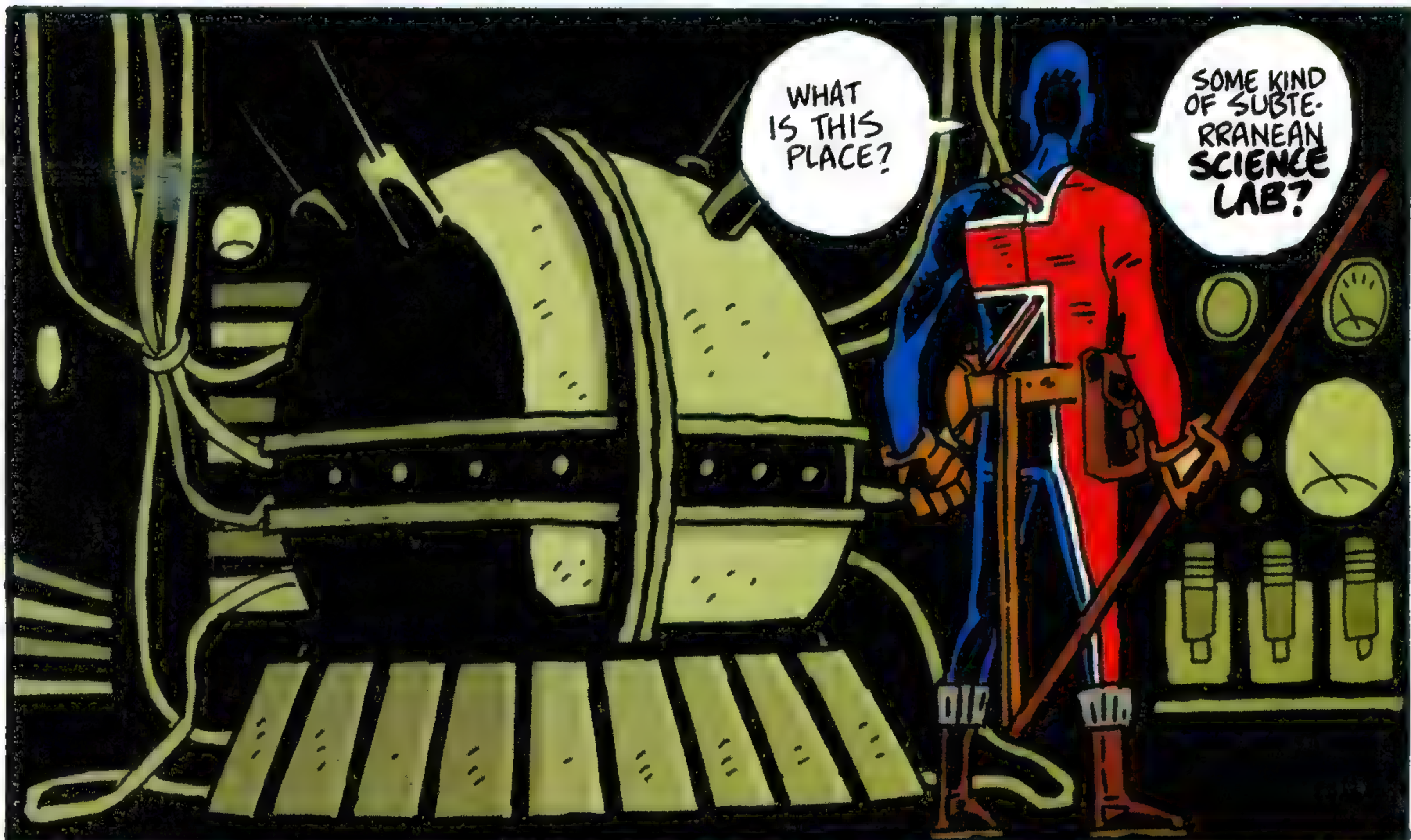
THEY
CALL ME
**TOMMY
TWISTER**
...

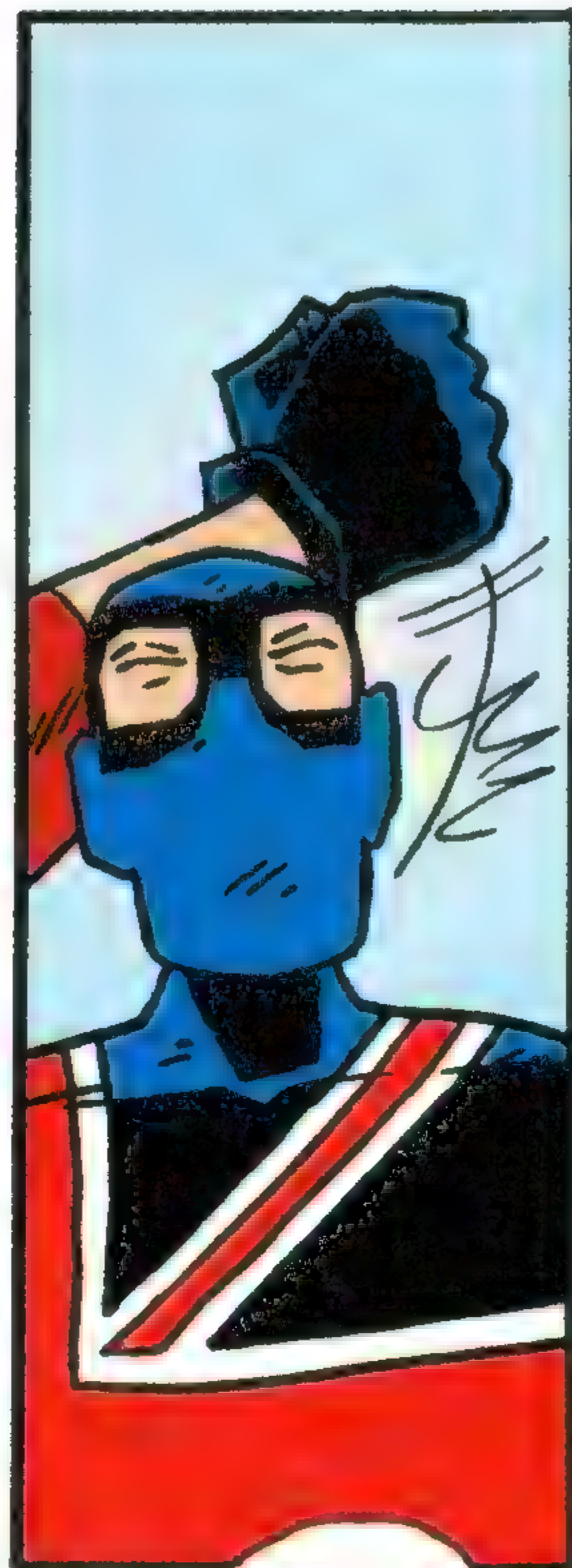
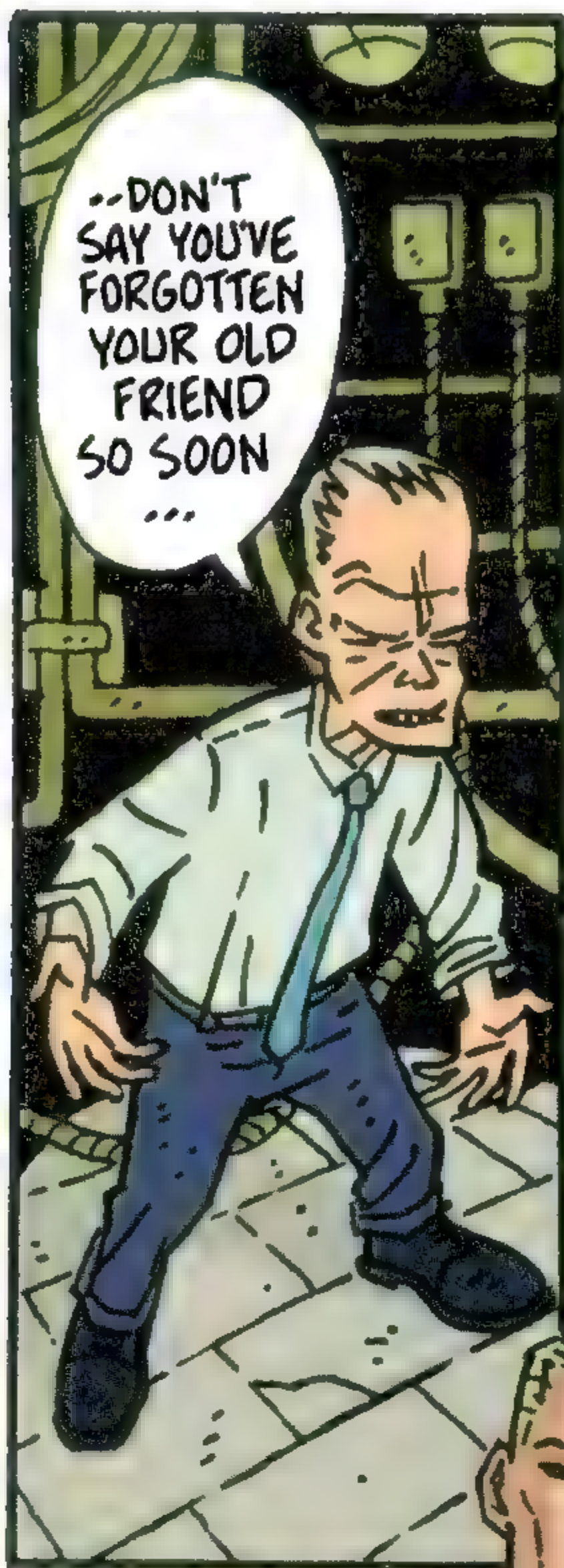


YOU WANT TO
COME OUT AND
PLAY?









CONTINUED



RIGHT!
THAT'S
IT!

YOU'VE
PUSHED
ME TOO
FAR
NOW!

I'M
GOING
TO TEAR
YOU
APART!

LIMB
FROM
SCRAWNY
LIMB!

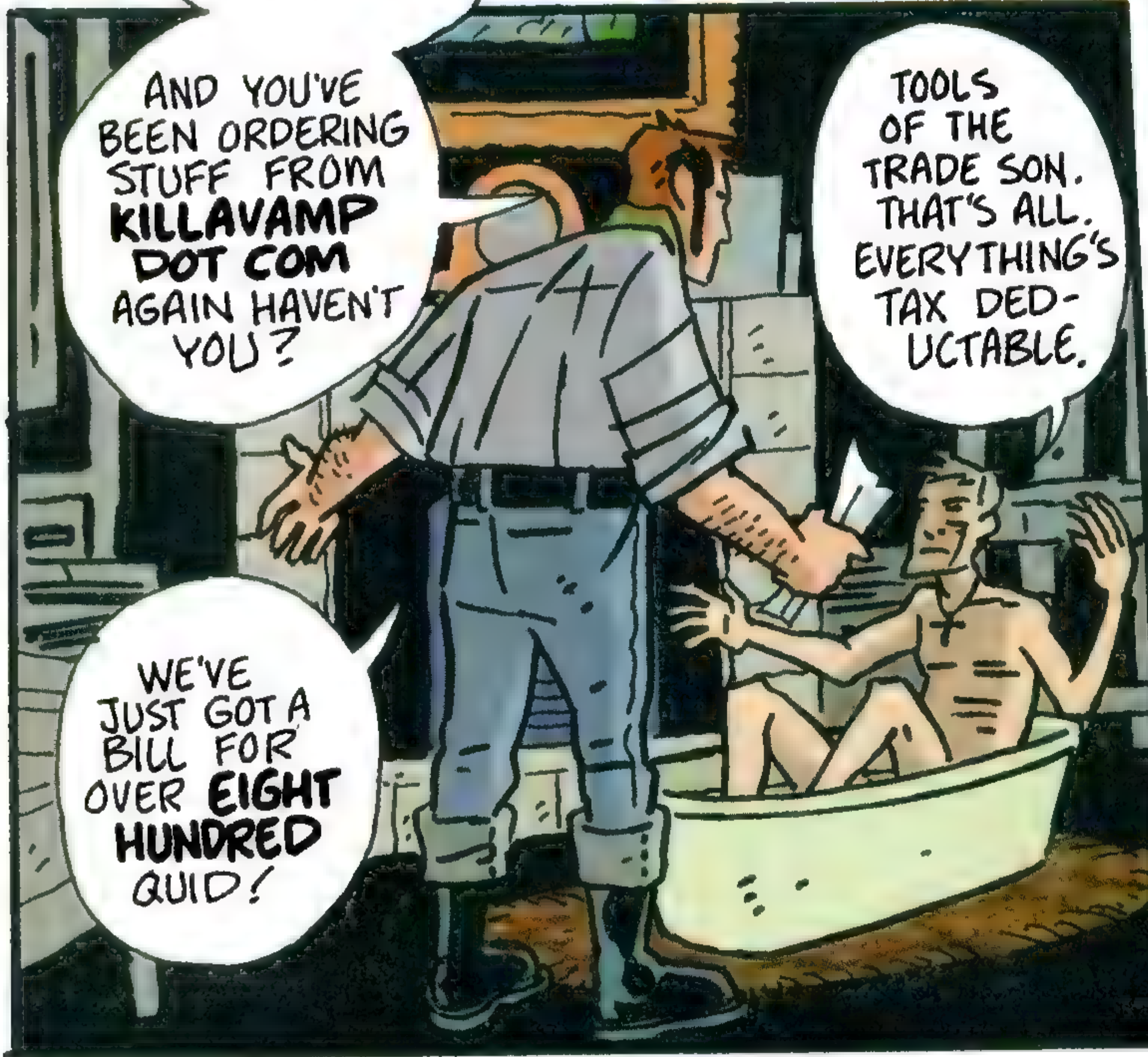
WHAT IS IT
HAROLD?
WHAT'S
WRONG?



WHAT'S
WRONG?

I'VE
BEEN GOING
THROUGH
OUR ACCOUNTS
**THAT'S
WHAT'S
WRONG!**

OUR BANK
BALANCE
LOOKS ABOUT AS
**UNHEALTHY
AS YOU!**



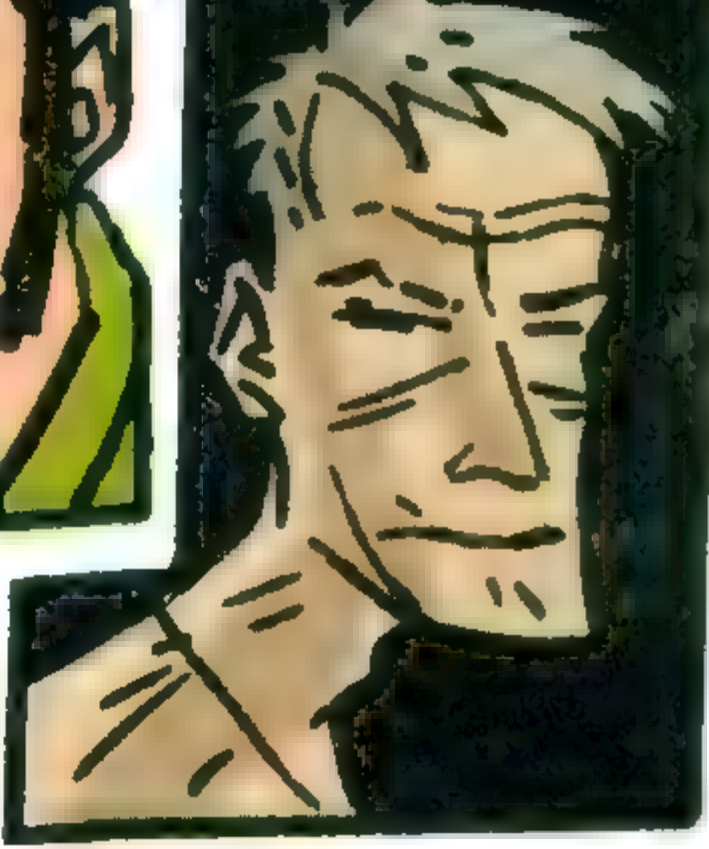
AND YOU'VE
BEEN ORDERING
STUFF FROM
**KILLAVAMP
DOT COM**
AGAIN HAVEN'T
YOU?

TOOLS
OF THE
TRADE SON.
THAT'S ALL.
EVERYTHING'S
TAX DED-
UCTABLE.

WE'VE
JUST GOT A
BILL FOR
OVER **EIGHT
HUNDRED
QUID!**

WE DON'T EARN
ENOUGH TO
PAY TAX!
LOOK AT THIS
STUFF... HAND
CARVED TEAK
STAKES?! IN-
CENSE SPRAY?
WHAT DO YOU
WHAT INCENSE
SPRAY FOR?

STOPS
VAMPIRES
IN THEIR
TRACKS
FROM TWENTY
PACES - AN
ESSENTIAL
WEAPON IN
THE ARMOURY
OF THE
MODERN
VAMPIRE
HUNTER!



IT'S
JUNK!
ALL OF IT!
JUNK!

AND
WE CAN'T
AFFORD
IT!

HOW
MANY TIMES
DO I HAVE TO
SAY THIS
BEFORE IT
GETS THROUGH
THAT GARLIC
PICKLED
BRAIN OF
YOURS?

HUNTING
VAMPIRES
DOESN'T
PAY THE
BILLS!

I **KNOW** THAT! THAT'S
WHY I ESTABLISHED
A **TRADE** FOR US-
A BUSINESS WHICH
PROVIDES US WITH
A REGULAR INCOME
WHILST WE PURSUE
OUR **TRUE**
CALLING!

YES! BRILLIANT!
A **TRADE!** HOW
ASTUTE OF YOU!
WHAT A SOUND
FINANCIAL
JUDGEMENT
THAT TURNED
OUT TO BE! NO
WONDER DONALD
TRUMP'S ALWAYS
RINGING UP FOR
ADVICE!

oh, THAT'S
RIGHT!
TOTTING!
RAG AND
BONE!

THE
ONLY JOB
THAT ACTUALLY
BRINGS IN
LESS MONEY
THAN HUNTING
VAMPIRES!

AND WHOSE
FAULT'S THAT
THEN? YOU
DONT PUT
THE HOURS IN!
THAT'S THE
TROUBLE WITH
YOU, YOU THINK
THE WORLD
OWES YOU
A LIVING
...

I DIDN'T
GET TO
BED
'TILL HALF
PAST SIX
THIS
MORNING!

hmm.
REMINDE
ME FATHER
WHAT EXACTLY
WAS THAT
CASH COW
AGAIN?

LOOK AT
US! WE'RE
ANACHRO-
NISMS!
WE DON'T
BELONG!

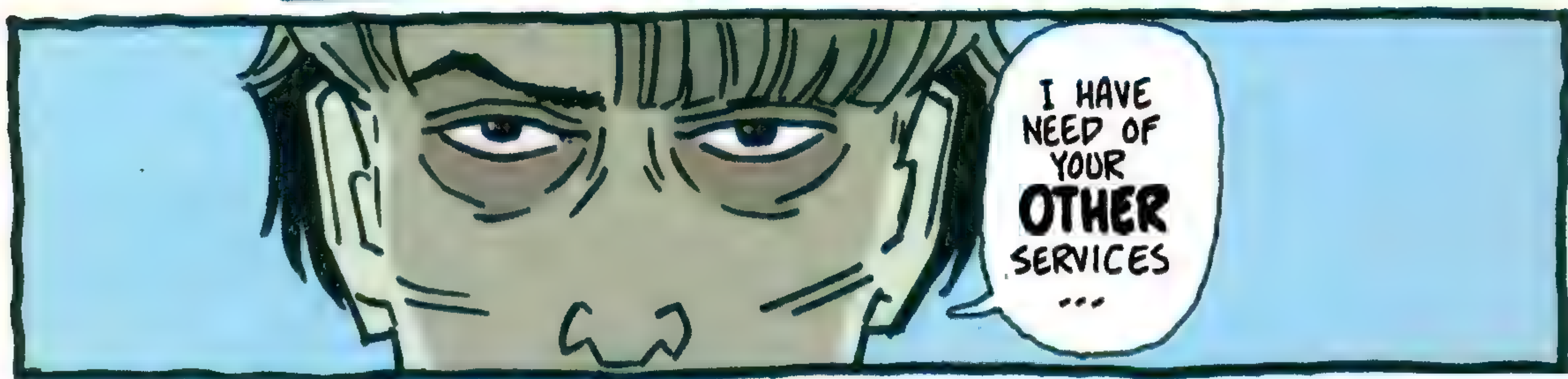
WE'RE
NOT
EVEN OLD
FASHIONED
-WE'RE
REDUN-
DANT!

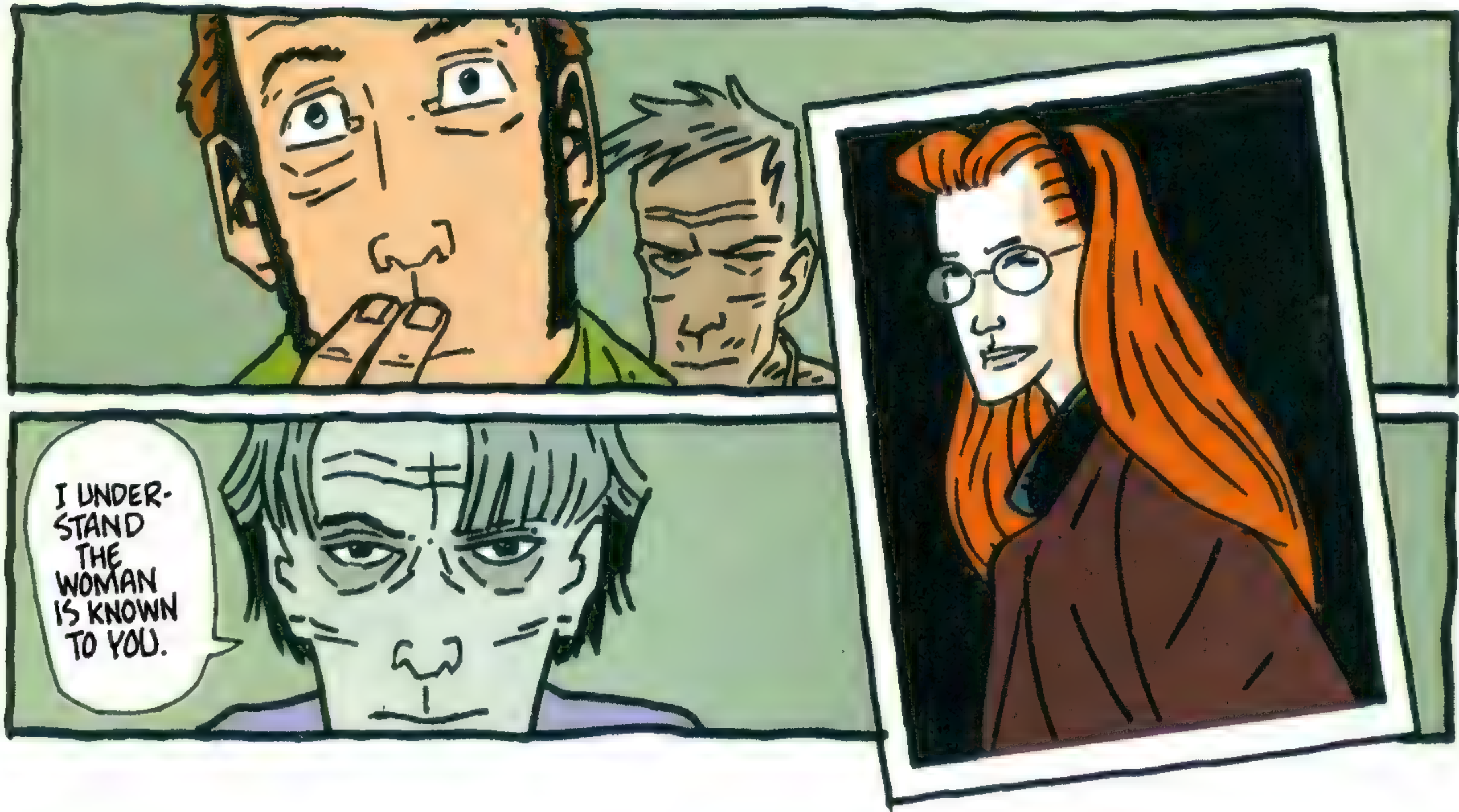
NOBODY
THROWS
OUT THEIR
OLD STUFF
ANYMORE!

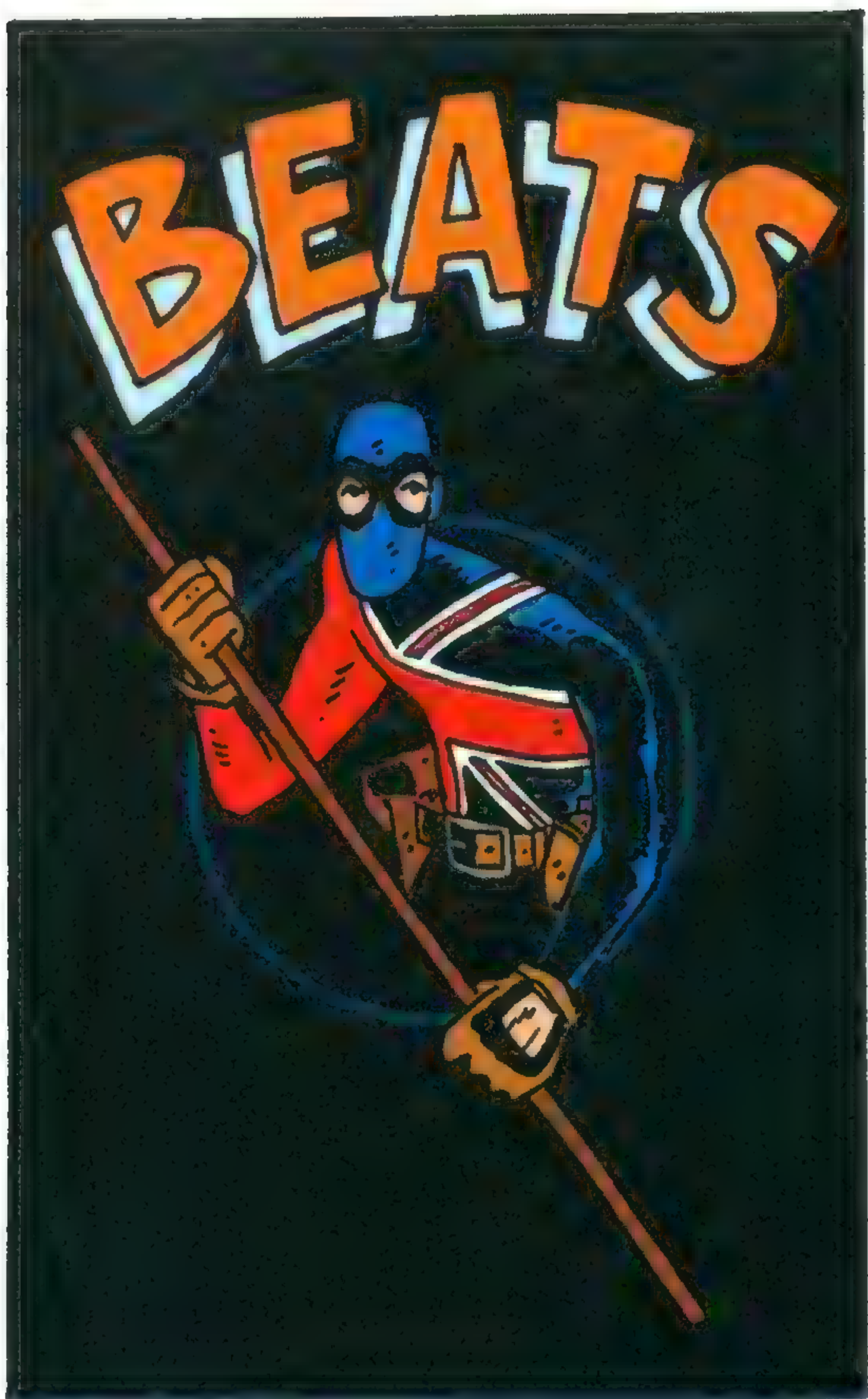
IT'S ALL
ANTIQUES
ROADSHOW
AND
BARGAIN
HUNT
NOW!

NOBODY
NEEDS US!
WHEN WAS
THE LAST TIME
ANYONE
KNOCKED
ON OUR
DOOR?

KNOCK! KNOCK!







BEATS

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THE HEROES AND VILLAINS
OF THE **JACK STAFF**
UNIVERSE!

JACK STAFF!



FACT FILE

STRENGTH

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ENDURANCE

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INTELLIGENCE

8

POWER RATING

10

AGILITY

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HERO RATING

10

HOW TO PLAY BEATS

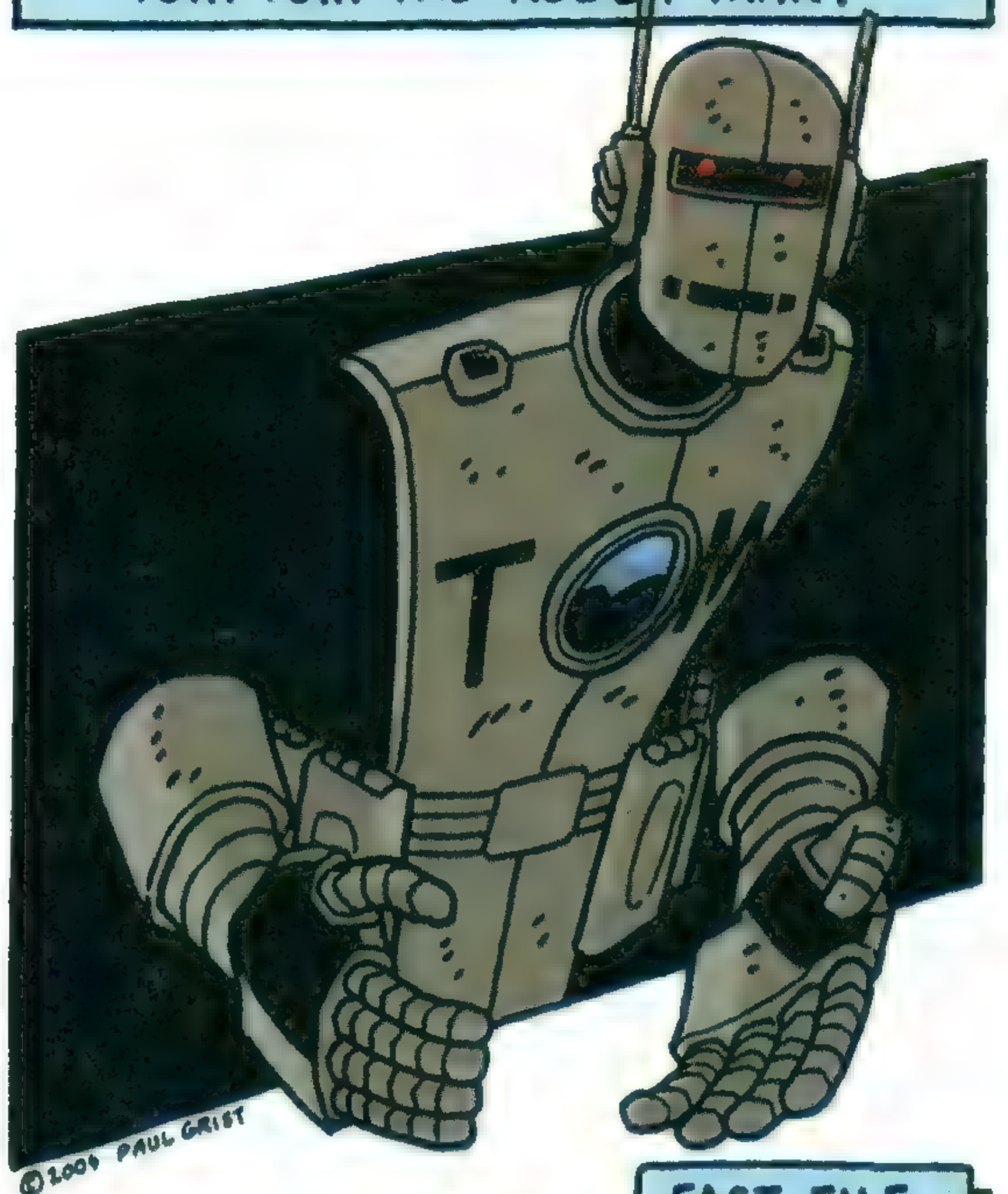
ANY NUMBER OF PEOPLE CAN
PLAY. SHUFFLE AND DEAL
THE CARDS FACE DOWN.
EACH PLAYER HOLDS THEIR
CARDS SO THEY CAN ONLY
SEE THE TOP CARD.

THE PLAYER ON THE DEALERS
LEFT READS OUT ONE OF THE
ITEMS ON THEIR TOP CARD
(eg ENDURANCE 8). THE
OTHER PLAYERS READ OUT
THE SAME DETAILS FROM
THEIR TOP CARD. THE ONE
WITH THE HIGHEST VALUE
BEATS THE OTHERS. THEY
PLACE ALL THE TOP CARDS
AT THE BOTTOM OF THEIR PILE.

IF 2 OR MORE CARDS HAVE
THE SAME TOP VALUE THEN
ALL THE TOP CARDS ARE
PUT IN THE MIDDLE AND THE
SAME PLAYER CHOOSES A
NEW ITEM FROM THE NEXT
CARD. THE WINNER OF
THE HAND TAKES ALL THE
CARDS IN THE MIDDLE.

THE PLAYER WITH ALL THE
CARDS AT THE END OF THE
GAME IS THE WINNER!

TOM TOM THE ROBOT MAN!



FACT FILE

STRENGTH

10

ENDURANCE

6

INTELLIGENCE

12

POWER RATING

8

AGILITY

5

HERO RATING

10

BLAZING GLORY!



FACT FILE

STRENGTH	5	ENDURANCE	7
INTELLIGENCE	8	POWER RATING	8
AGILITY	9	HERO RATING	9

DOCTOR SPEX!



FACT FILE

STRENGTH	3	ENDURANCE	5
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AGILITY	4	HERO RATING	6

HAROLD BRAMBLE!



FACT FILE

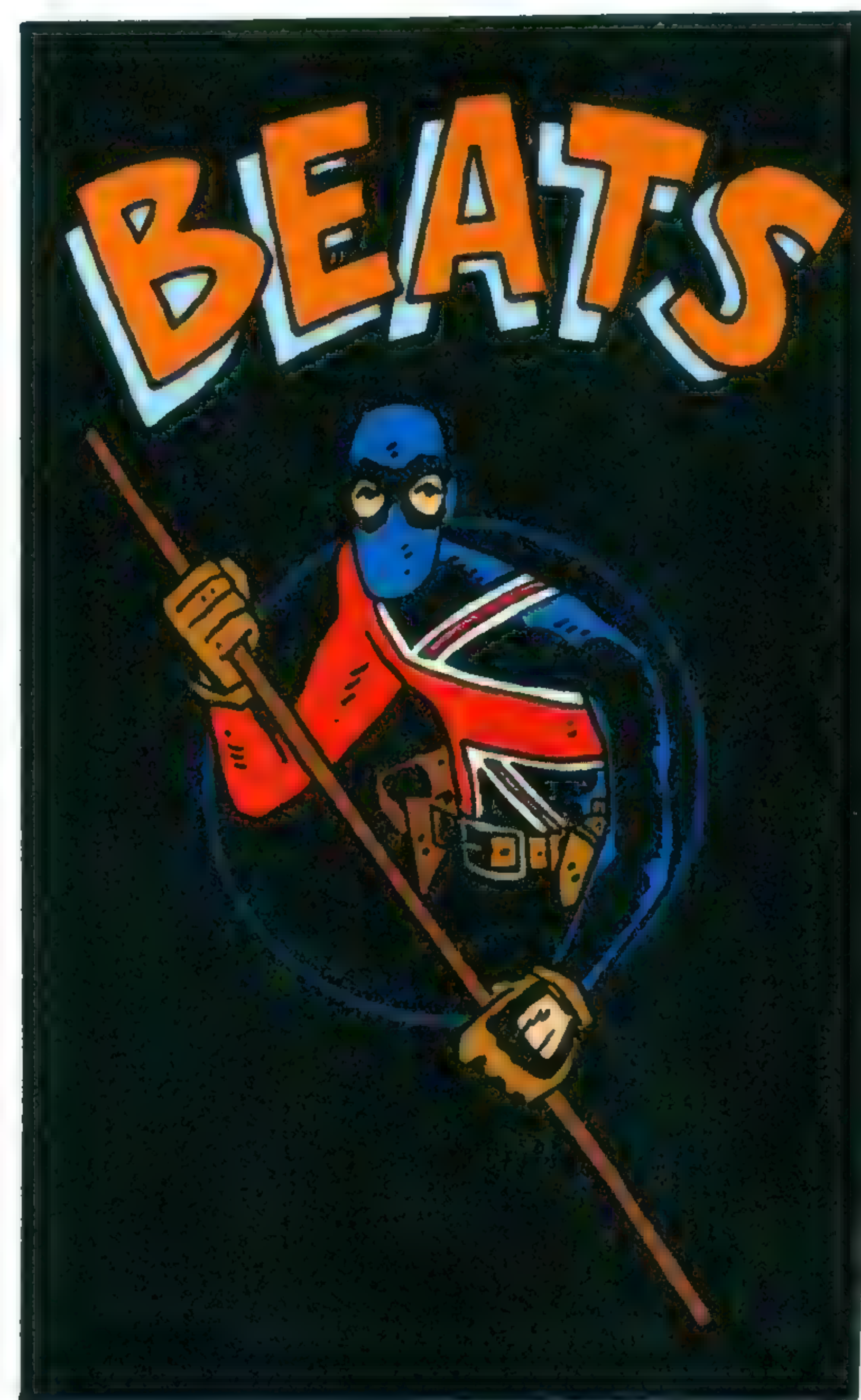
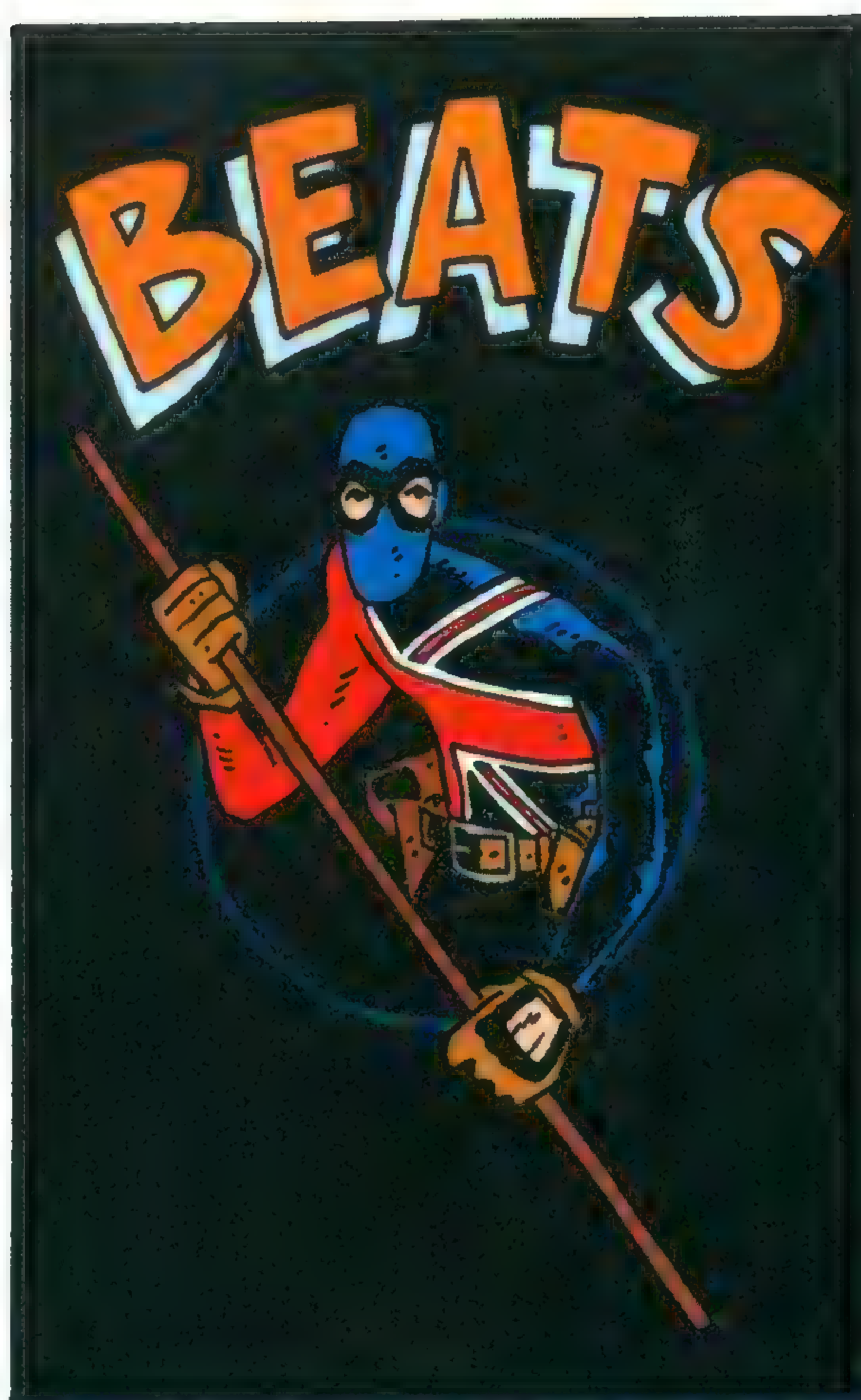
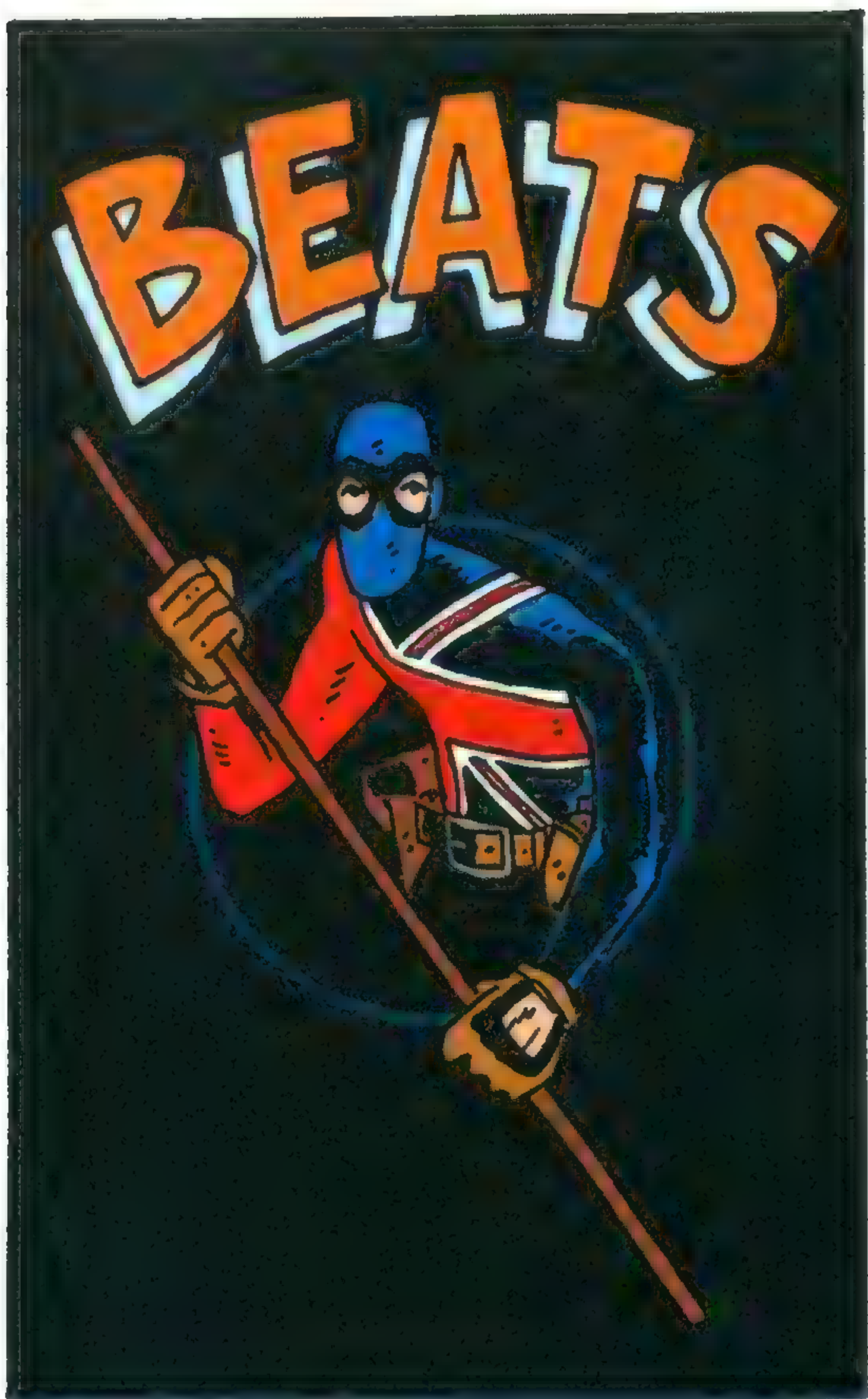
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AGILITY	8	HERO RATING	7

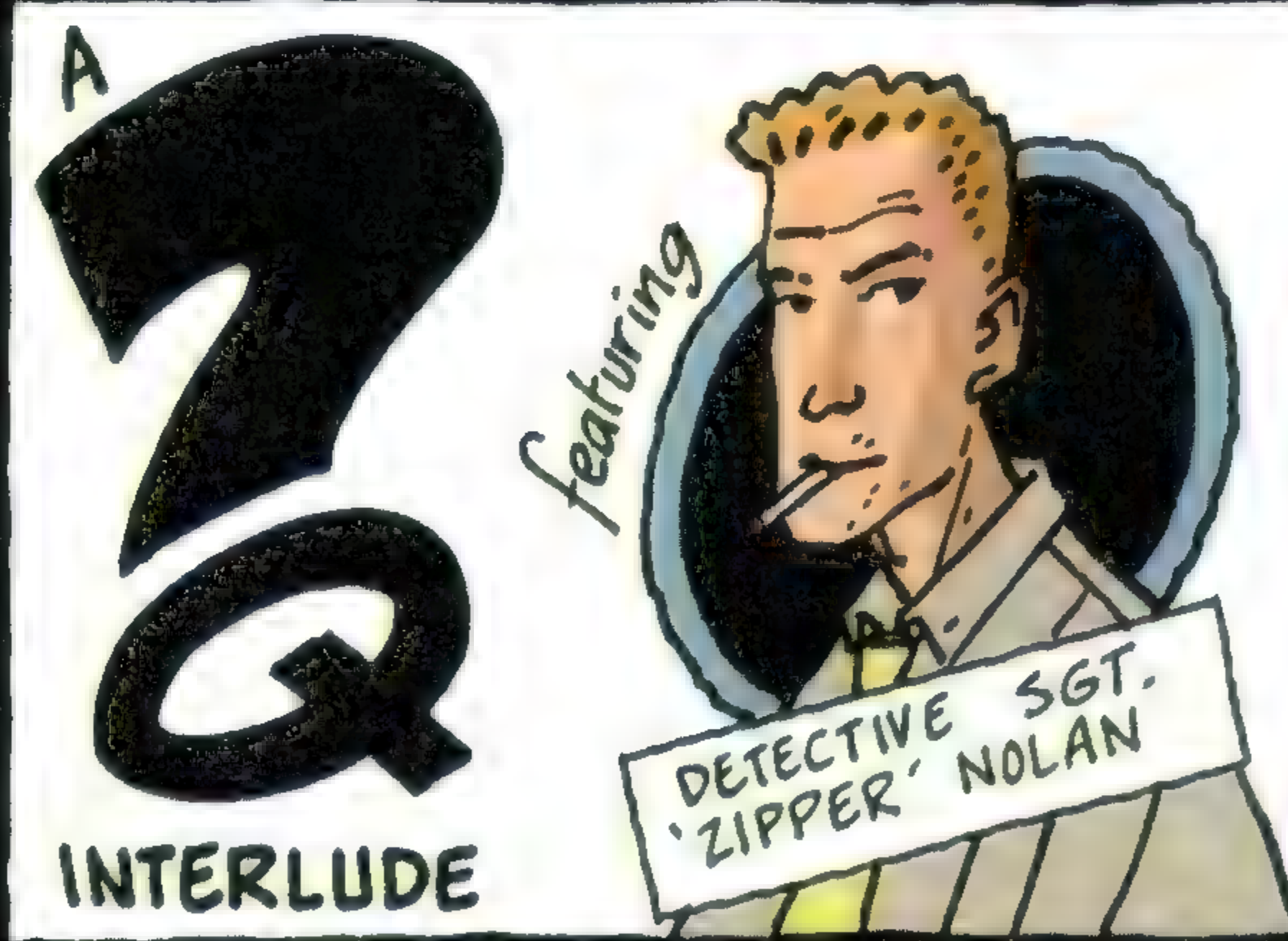
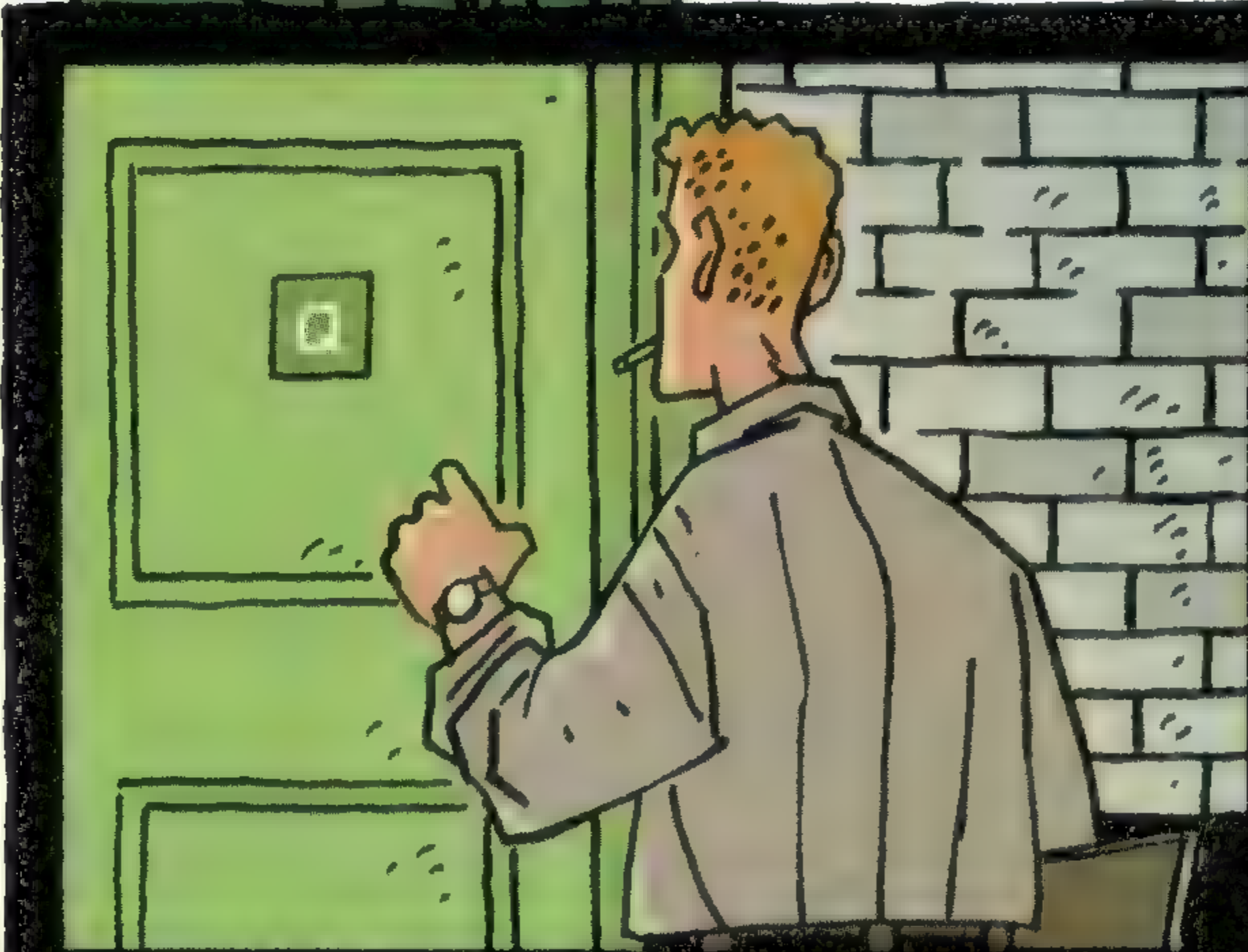
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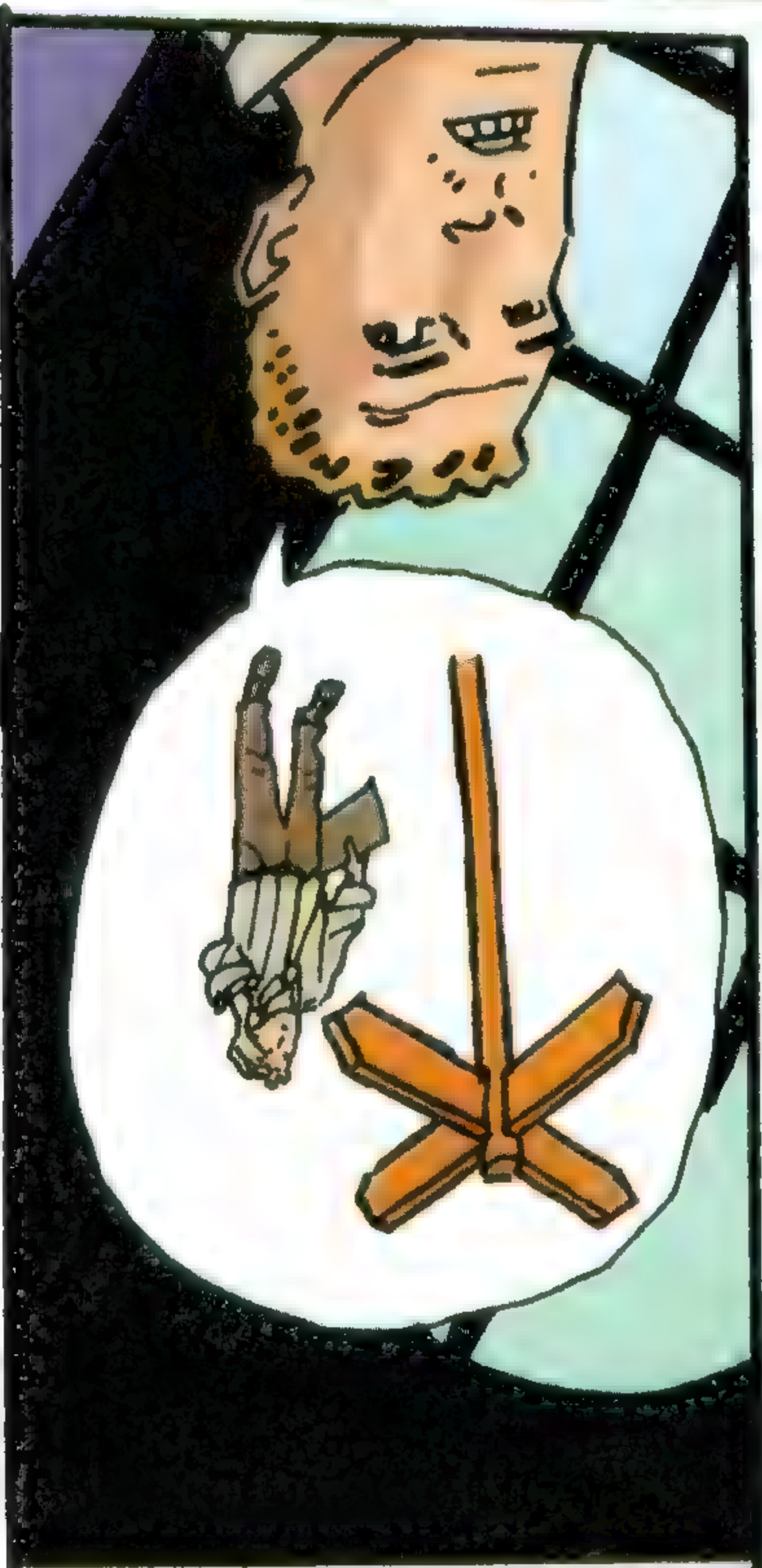
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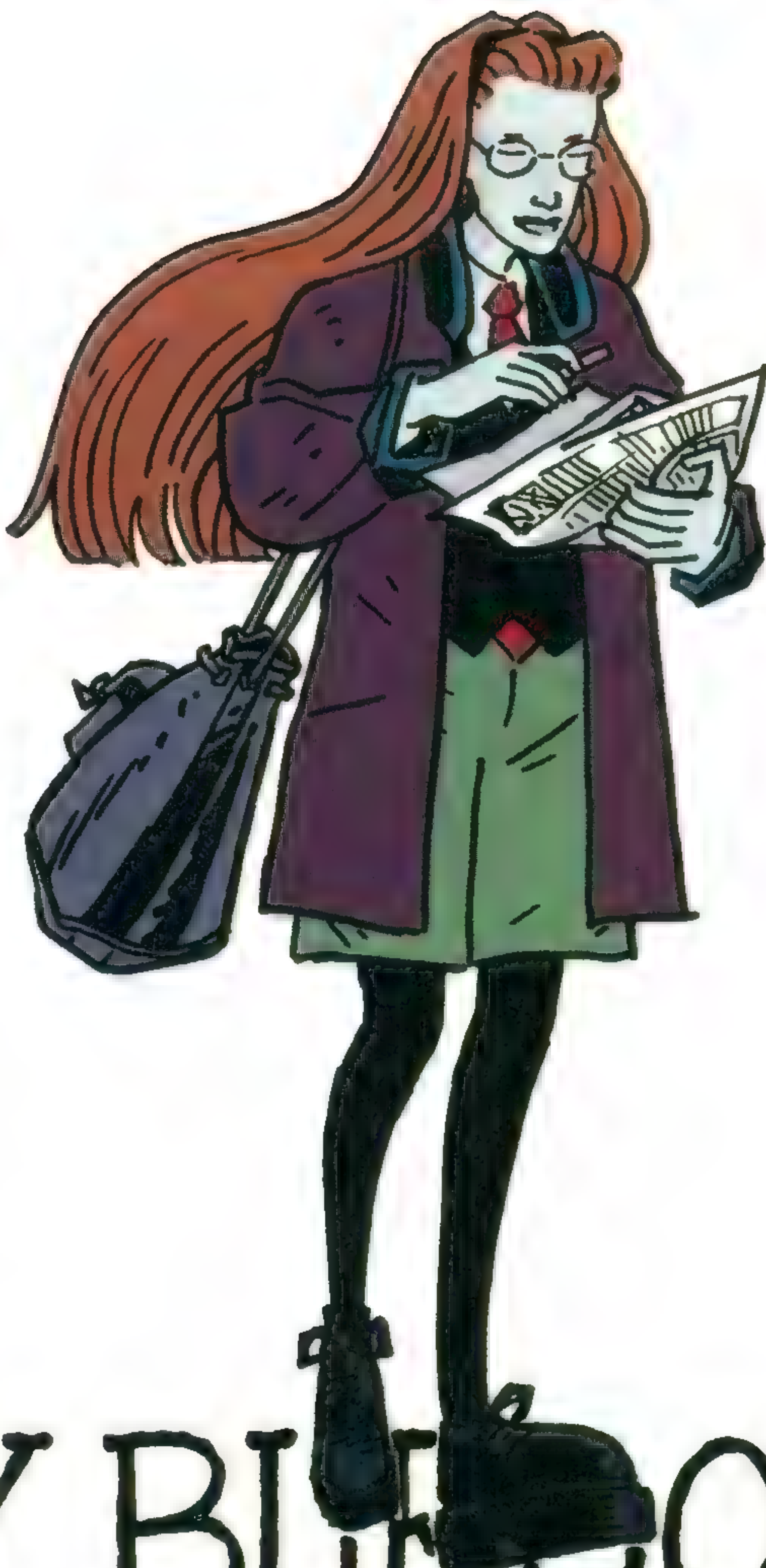


When I was younger I
used to be scared of
walking home in the dark.

Really. I used to see
MONSTERS in the SHADOWS.

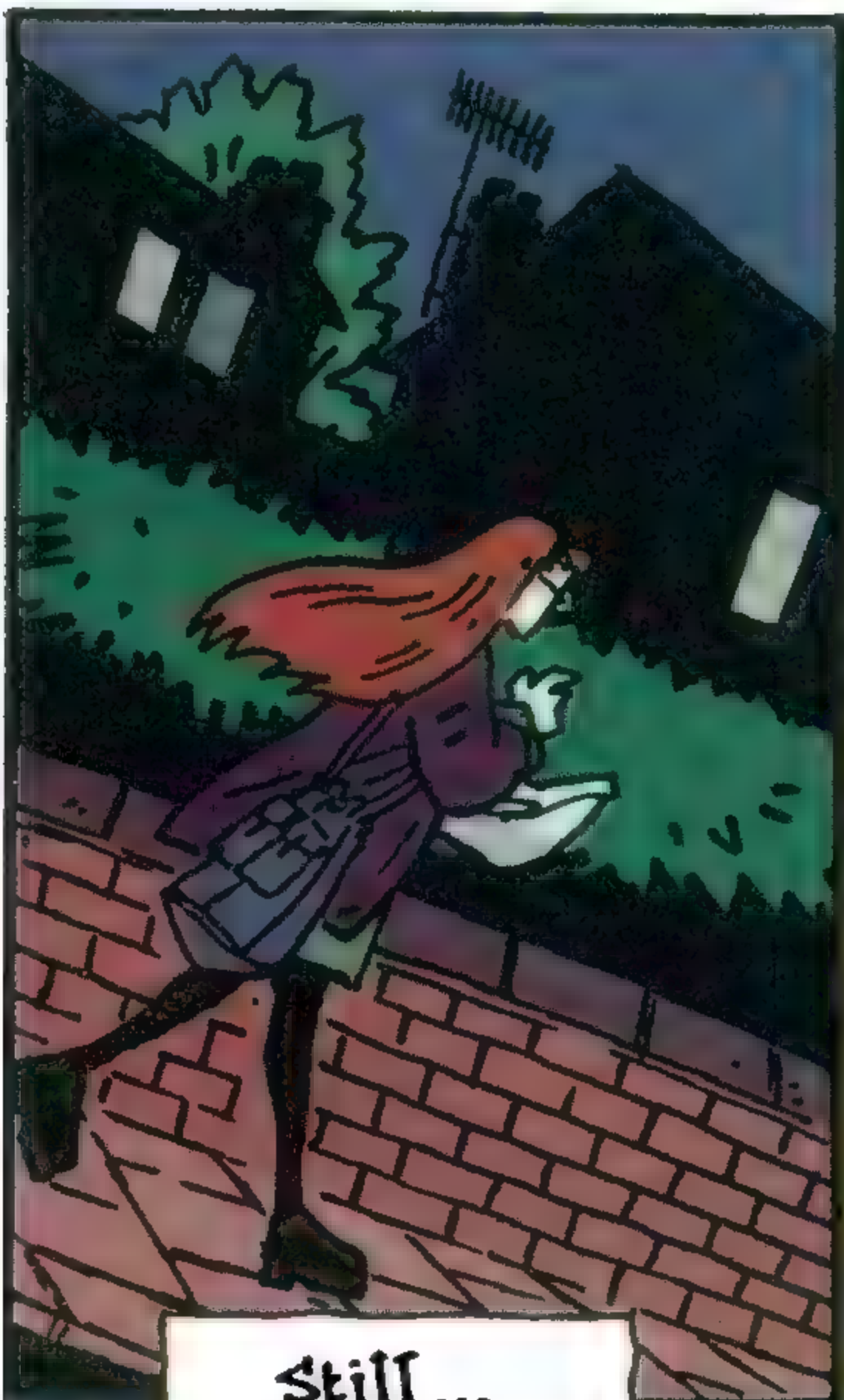
I imagined there were
BOGIEMEN waiting to
leap out of privet
hedges at me.

I don't worry about
that so much nowadays.

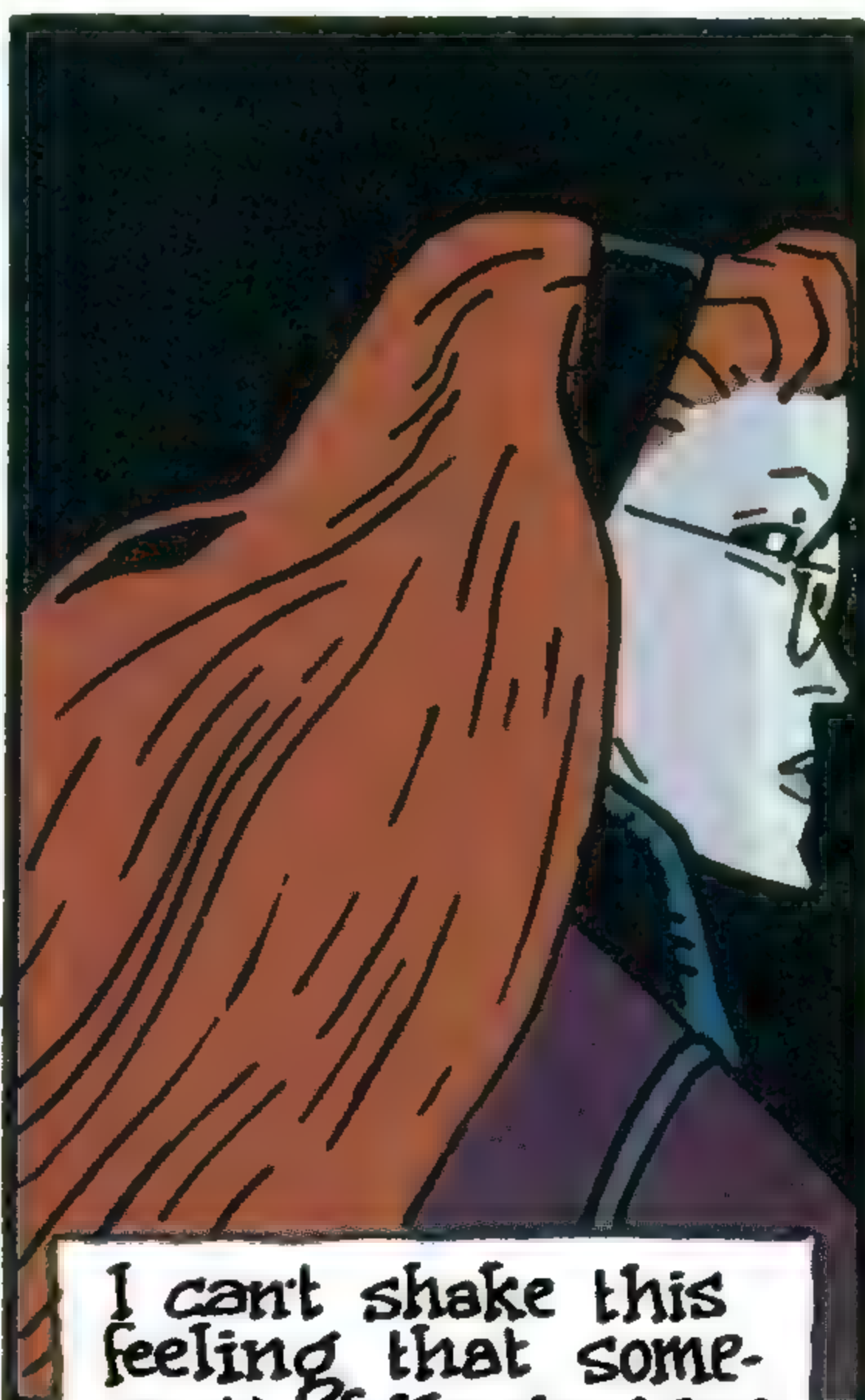


BECKY BURDLOCK

VAMPIRE REPORTER

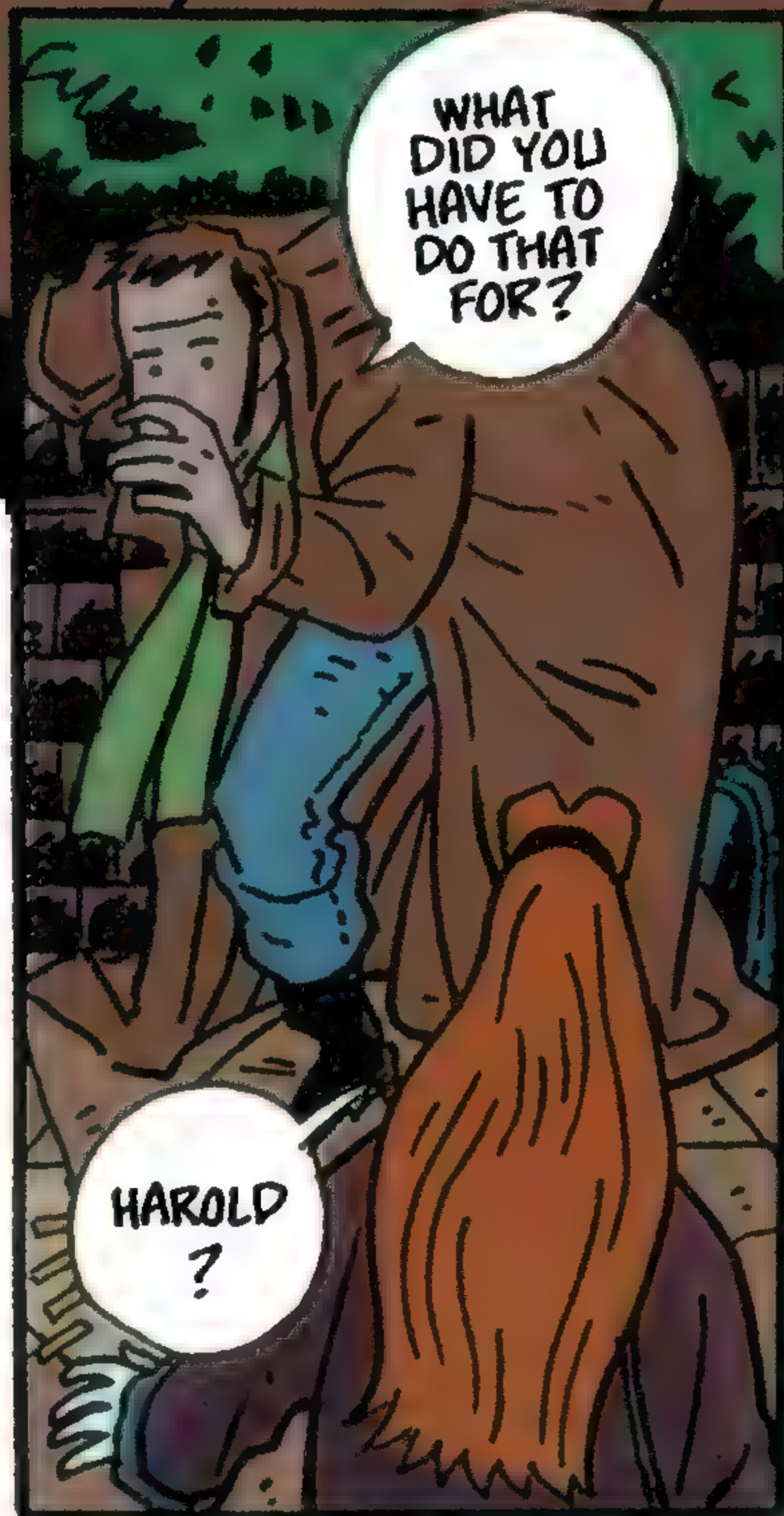
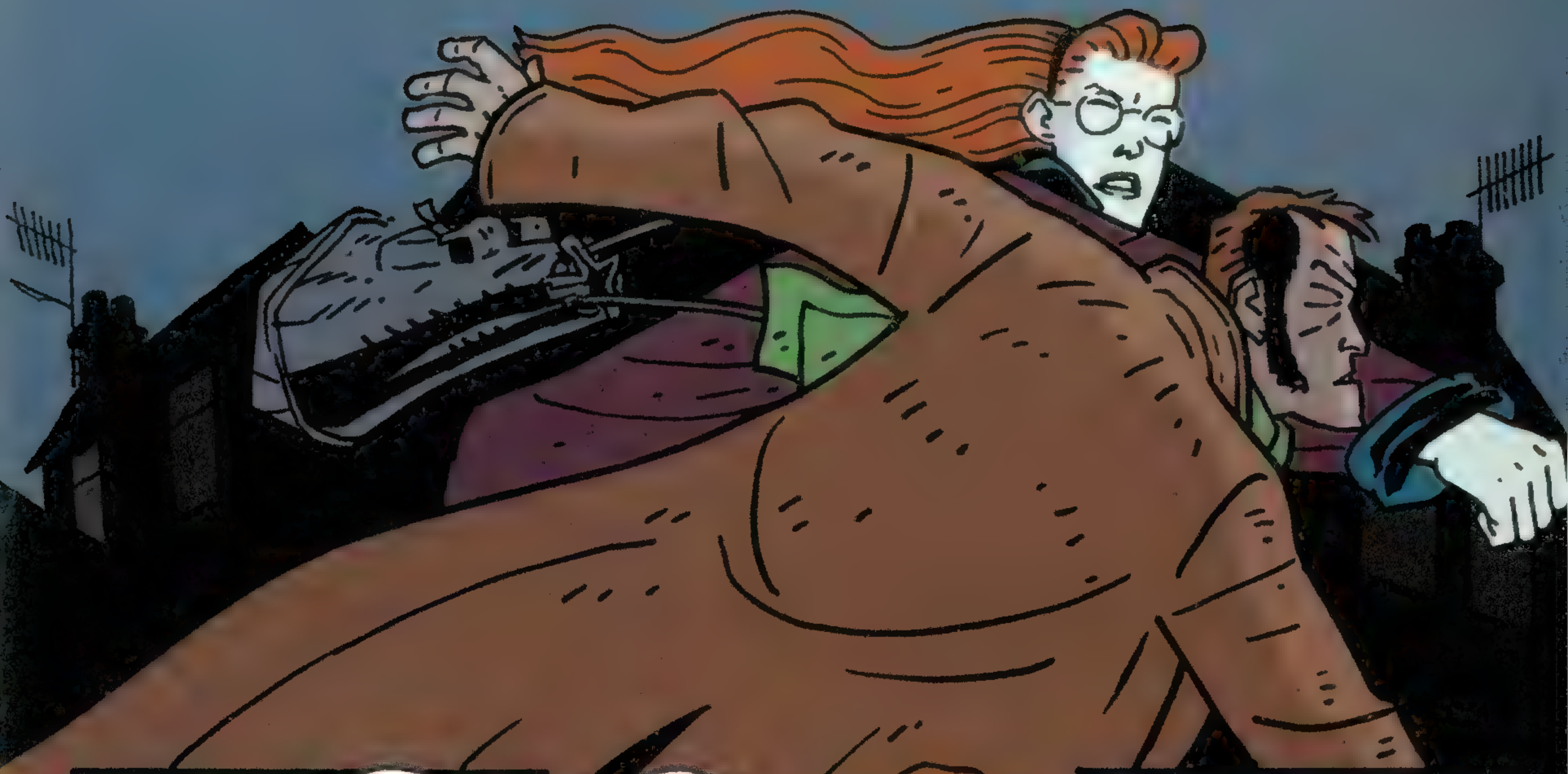


Still...



I can't shake this
feeling that some-
one's following me.





WHAT DID YOU HAVE TO DO THAT FOR?

HAROLD?



WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?



I NEED TO HAVE A WORD BECKY.



WELL I'VE GOT TWO WORDS FOR YOU HAROLD ...

COURT ORDER! YOU CAN'T KEEP DOING THIS!

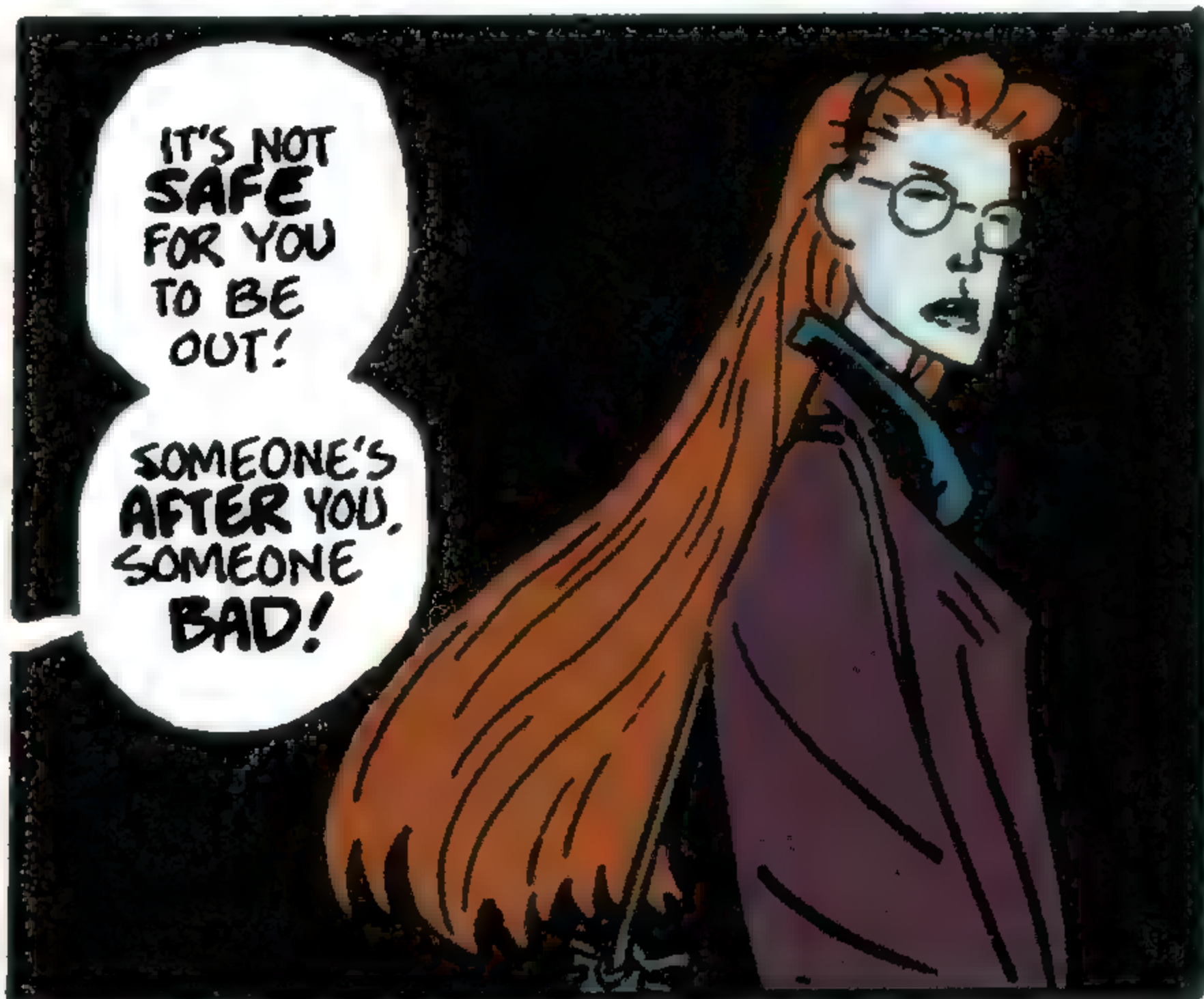
BECKY, PLEASE, LET ME EXPLAIN!



IF YOU CARRY ON DOING THIS THE ONLY EXPLAINING YOU'LL BE DOING IS TO THE POLICE.

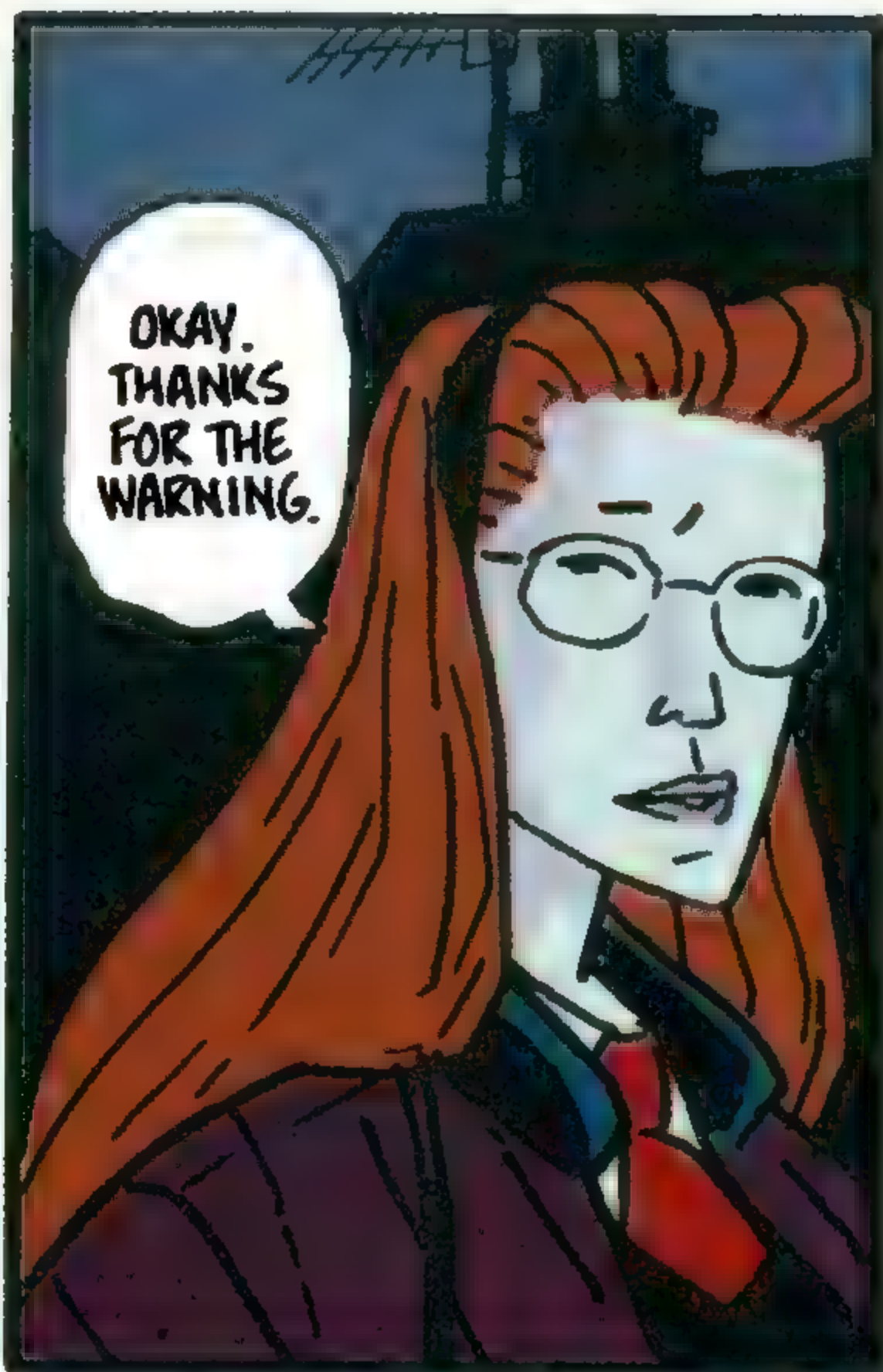
BECKY!

LISTEN TO ME!



IT'S NOT **SAFE** FOR YOU TO BE OUT!

SOMEONE'S **AFTER YOU, SOMEONE BAD!**





And now Bone's gone! I'm sure Jeff Smith doesn't need any recommendations from me, but if you've never read Bone you should rush out and see if you can get hold of the Complete Bone book - 55 issues in one single volume for only \$40! I'm looking forward to the Shazam mini series (are we allowed to say Captain Marvel?!)

FLAG WAVING

On of the delights of the Bristol Comic Festival in May was seeing an exclusive Jack Staff statue which had been done by Jesse Farrell for the Just One Page Charity book. It's a lovely piece of work - 10 inches (25 cm) tall - and it's a limited edition of one. This is being auctioned of in aid of the Trinity Hospice in London. It was originally auctioned on Ebay in August but failed to meet it's reserve. It was to be reauctoned in September so it may already have gone, but you can get more details from the man behind the project, Adrian Brown who can be e-mailed at just1page@aol.com.

For more recent updates and a chance to see photographs of the statue you can check out the Jack Staff message board. Just go to www.imagecomics.com and click on the community box. We'll be waiting for you!

I am now selling the original art for the Image series. All art is black and white, and it's £55 UK \$95 US for a single page. The price includes postage. Try and give me a few alternatives in case your first choice has already gone. You can contact me via e-mail (danceleph@aol.com) if you want to check on availability or reserve a page.

Identify pages by issue number and page number please, the first page of the story is page 1 (so don't include the cover or we'll all get confused!). Cheques payable to Paul Grist. Send your order to P.O. Box 104, Highbridge, TA9 4WD, England. All orders should be sent out within a week.

And I've still got pages from the original black and white series if anyone's interested in those!

Thanks to everyone who's taken the time to write, unfortunately due to technical problems there's no letters page this issue. Hopefully normal service will be resumed as soon as possible.

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BEHIND THE GLAMOUR AND
WONDER LURK DARK
SECRETS, RUTHLESS
AMBITION AND TWISTED
DESIRES.

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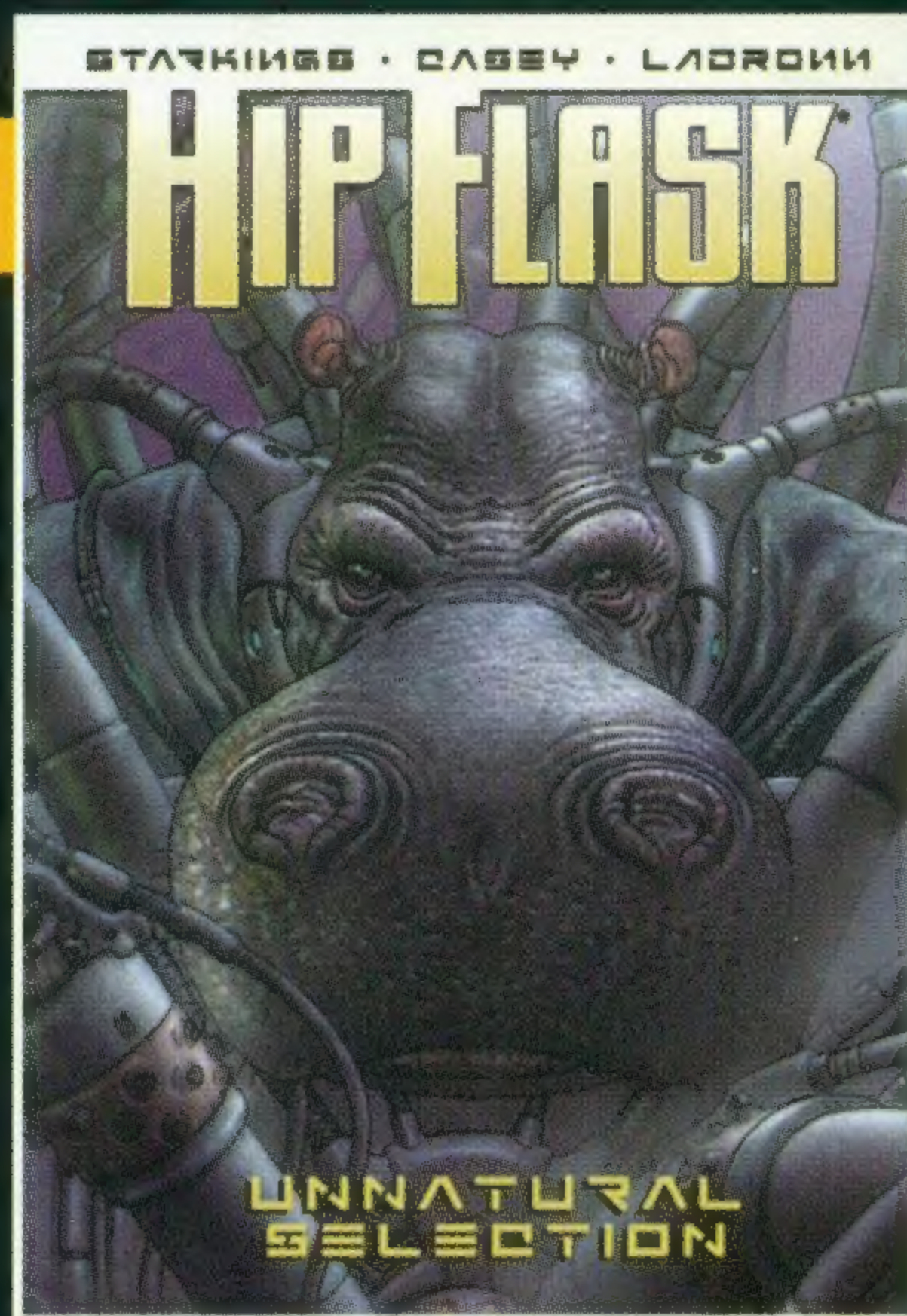
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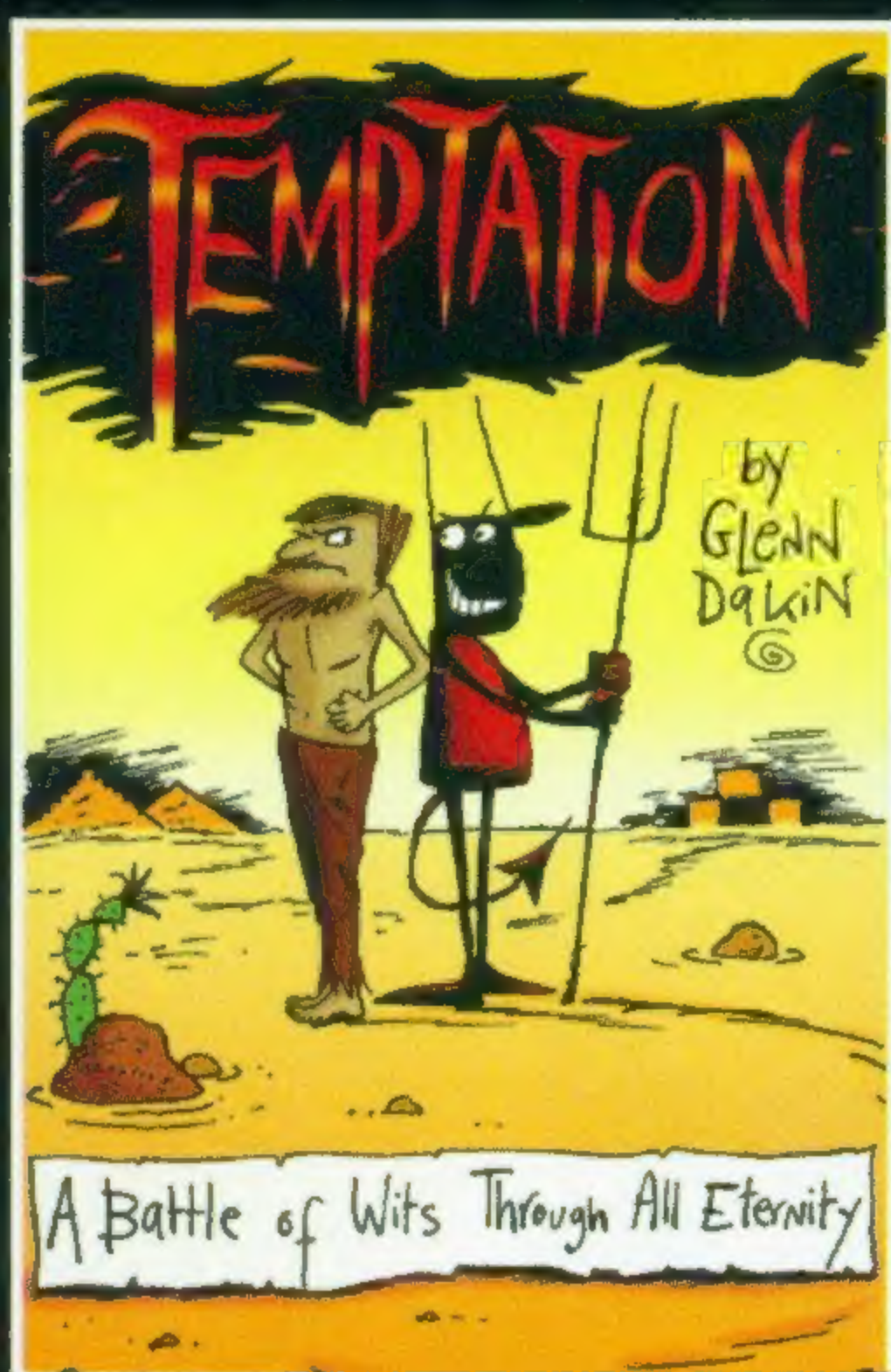
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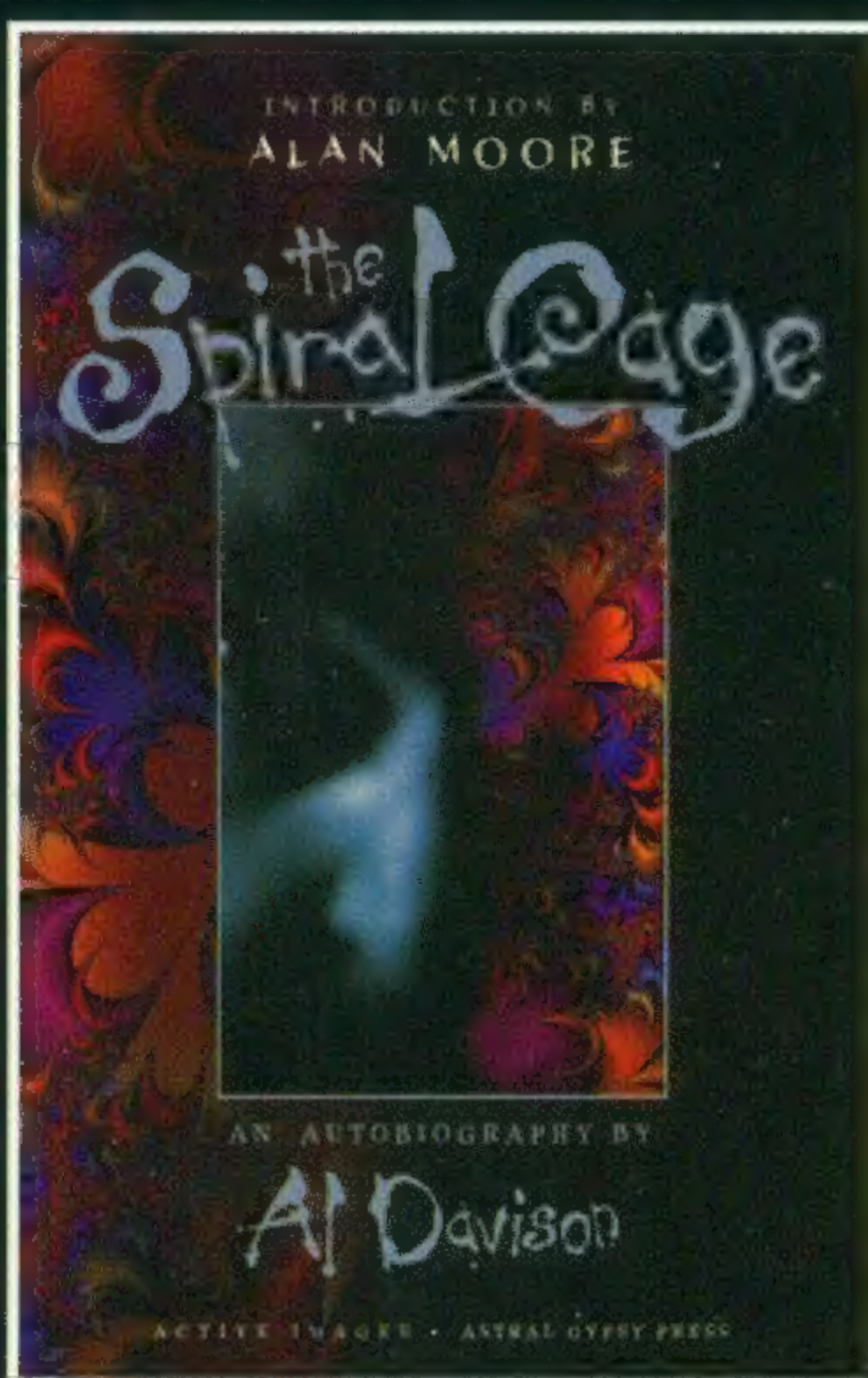
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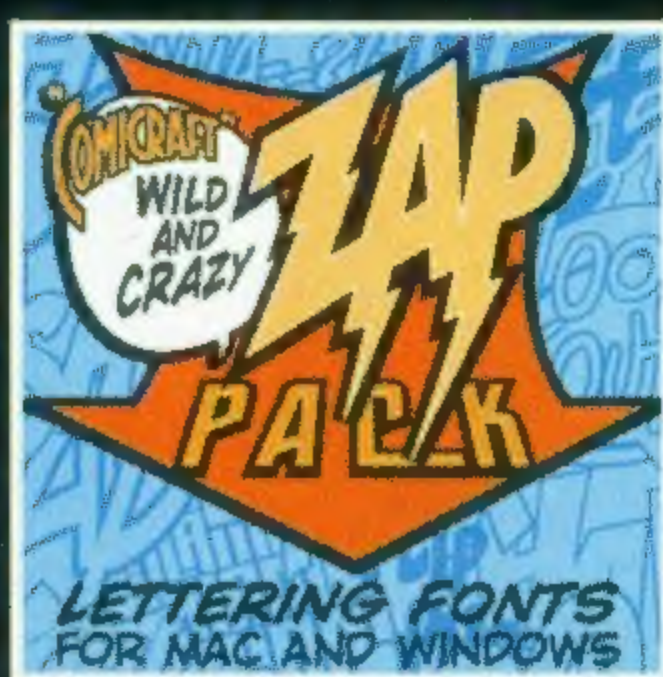
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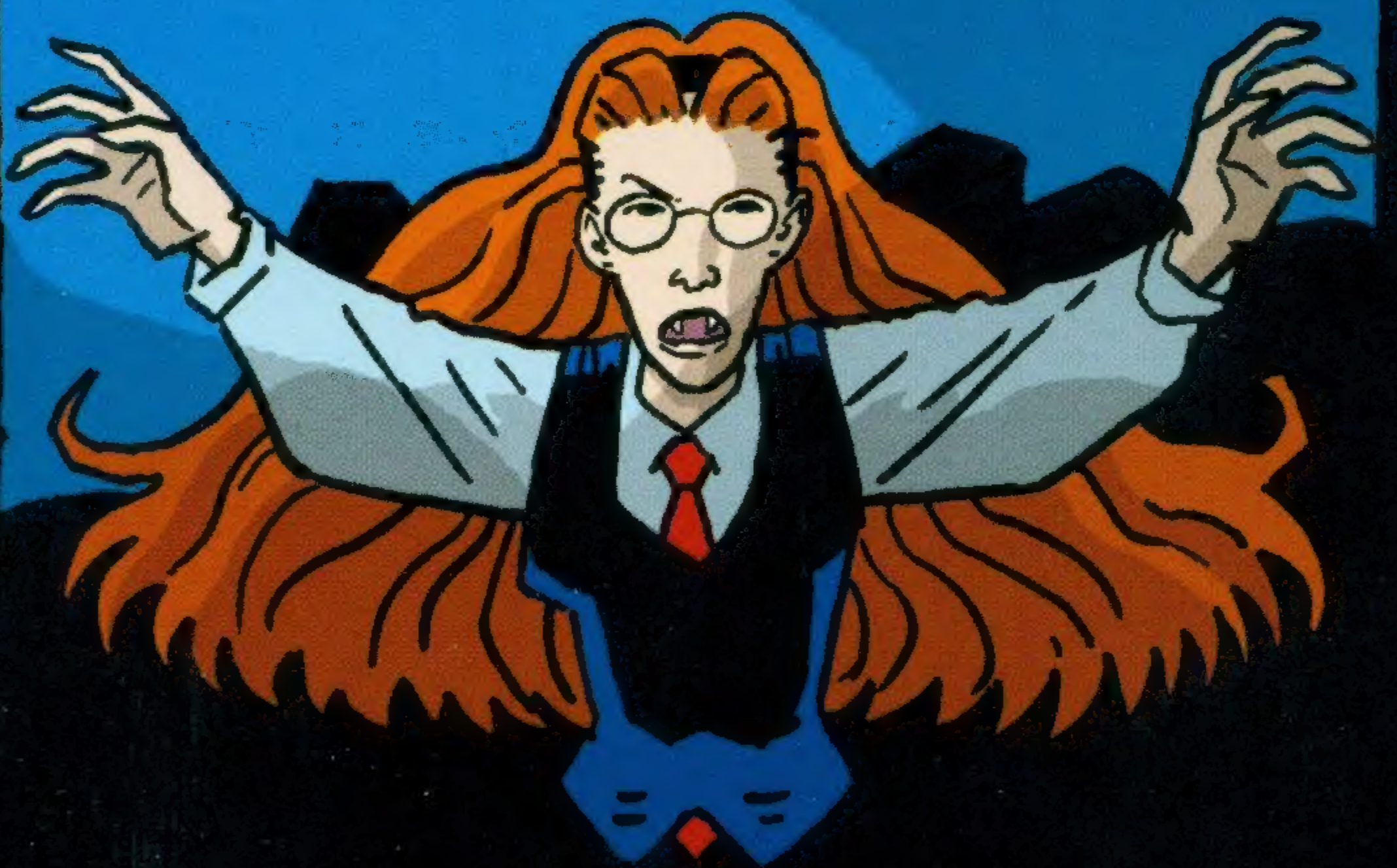
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